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Windstorm cuts power and phone service

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A strong, fall windstorm blew through Crawford County and most of Michigan on Tuesday, November 10, leaving thousands in the dark and many without telephone service.

Trees toppled onto power lines as winds gusted up to 80 m.p.h. Top O' Michigan Electric Company reported that their employees kept up with the storm until around 3 p.m. that day, when winds began to intensify. Crews could not put the lines up as fast as the storm was knocking them down.

The electric supplier used all available crews, including contracted tree-clearing and line construction teams to restore power to its estimated 12,000 affected northern Michigan customers.

By 9 a.m., Friday, November 13, power had been restored to most

areas, though Top O' Michigan officials said there may be some isolated cases of seasonal homes still without power because the owners were not here to report the outage.

In Grayling, some GTE customers lost telephone service when a portion of the roof was torn away at the substation located on James Street, allowing rain water to affect equipment. Repairs were made to the roof and the affected equipment shortly after the winds died down.

Last week's windstorm occurred on the 23rd anniversary of the loss of the freighter made famous by the song, *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*.

Weather forecasters remarked that the storm had all the characteristics of the one long ago that sank the ill-fated ship on Lake Superior, including barometric readings as low as 27.91, taking the lives of 29 men.

Safe stolen from The Red Barn

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A floor-mounted safe containing an undetermined amount of cash was discovered stolen from The Red Barn on Monday, November 9.

According to Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, deputies responded to the report of a break-in received from Red Barn owner Paul Schroeder at 9 a.m., shortly after he arrived at the establishment on M-72 West.

Deputy Randy Herman reported that the break-in is believed to have occurred in the late night hours of

Sunday, November 8 or the early morning hours of Monday, November 9.

Due to the nature of the crime scene, Herman said the break-in and removal of the safe most likely involved more than one person and took place over a long period of time.

Sheriff Lovely asks that anyone having any information regarding the break-in call the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at (517) 348-4616, ext. 332 as soon as possible. Tips may be made anonymously.

Christmas Walk and concert help open holiday season

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

As Crawford County receives its first snowfall of the season, Grayling uptown merchants are preparing to bring in the holiday shopping season with their annual Christmas Walk on Sunday, November 22.

"With loving hearts... Back Home to the Heart of Christmas" is the theme this year's walk to be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

Participating merchants are working to provide a joyful and refreshing atmosphere, including music of the season and featuring the talents of special guest artists, a most important part of the event.

The festivities continue that night, when Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church presents an evening of music.

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Christmas Walk 1998

will be performed by the Michelson Chancel Choir, Michelson Bell Choir, Michelson Singers, and three children's choirs.

Donations for the performance can be made at the door and will go toward the purchase of new choir robes and bell choir table skirts.

Firearm deer season runs November 15-30

Buck Pole fills quickly on opening day



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

HUNTERS' HARVEST - The Buck Pole at Skip's Sport Shop on M-72 West was almost filled by 3:30 p.m. on opening day of firearm deer season on Sunday, November 15. The first buck to the pole was bagged by Glenn Gabriel of Westland. Second buck to the pole was brought in by Grayling resident Cindy Reetz.

Newly elected county board receives training

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The six recently elected county commissioners met with other elected county officials, as well as representatives of the court system, for an informative training session on Wednesday, November 11, at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Circuit Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis started the meeting with a brief introduction, in which he outlined the purpose of the session, which was to allow the newly-elected commissioners an opportunity to discuss the basic workings of county government with the other elected officials of Crawford County.

Judge Davis then turned the proceedings over to guest speaker Dr. Lynn Harvey, a professor at Michigan State University and specialist in local government.

Dr. Harvey started by saying that having a high turnover is not unusual in county government. Crawford County will have five new commissioners on the first of January.

Harvey's discussion touched on a number of topics, including basic commissioner duties and responsibilities, finance, the role of committees, board rules of order, the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts, and important skills for the job.

"Effective communication is the number one issue that comes up every time," said Harvey.

"There's lots of potential in this county," he said. "You've got to have strong government and the

Firearm deer season opens with few problems sheriff says

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Firearm Deer Season officially began at dawn on Sunday, November 15, and for the most part, opening weekend was uneventful for law enforcement in Crawford County.

According to Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, most calls received by his department concerned complaints of trespassing.

"Usually what happens is proper-

ty owners find individuals hunting on their land and approach them to let them know they are trespassing," said Sheriff Lovely. "If they don't leave or they come back, that's when we get calls."

The Sheriff's log shows complaints of trespassing over the past weekend came from Grayling Township, Maple Forest Township, and Beaver Creek Township.

There was one report of "shining" of deer in the county (hunters using

bright lights to entrance and still the deer after dusk) and a complaint from a resident on River Park Drive near Wilcox Bridge Road that a deer impaled with an arrow was discovered on his property on Saturday afternoon.

The sheriff also confirmed incidences of drunk driving during the weekend.

No reports of hunting related injuries were received.

Veterans remembered in ceremony

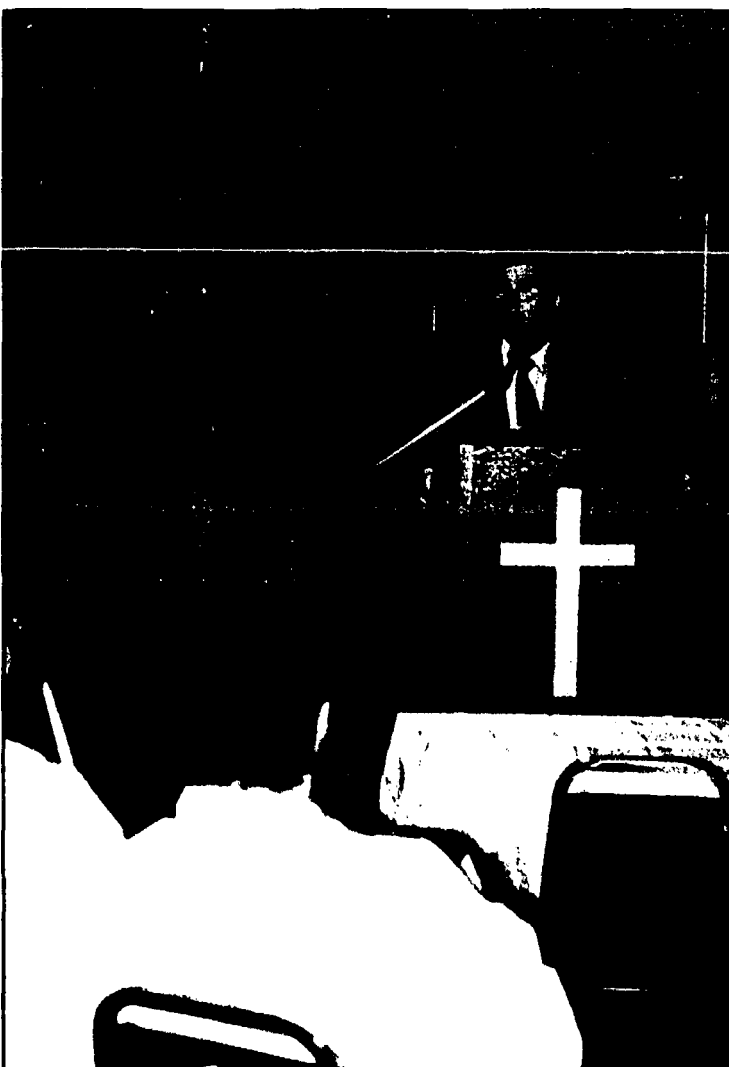


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MILITARY HONOR -

Bob Hughes, a 50-year member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, spoke at a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at the American Legion Hall, about the sacrifices made by our veterans in all wars fought this century. A special candlelight ceremony for Vietnam POW's and those still missing was also held. Taps was played by high school students. Marianne Vollmer and Brooke Ginther and a 21-gun salute was made by members of the National Guard. Also in attendance were members of the American Legion, their spouses, and community leaders, including Rep. Allen Lowe. A luncheon of soup and sandwiches was served after the conclusion of the ceremony.

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Anything Goes opens tonight at GHS Stripe Auditorium



Photo by Nancy Lemmen

DRESS REHEARSAL—The cast and crew of the Grayling High School Players' production of the musical, *Anything Goes*, hold dress rehearsals in preparation for opening night, November 19. The play runs from November 19-21 at the Stripe Auditorium.

Submitted by Nancy Lemmen

Get ready to climb aboard the S.S. American on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings as the Grayling High School Players take their audiences on a musical cruise called *Anything Goes*.

The musical comedy, under the direction of Andrea Binert, will be performed in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at 7 p.m. on three evenings, November 19-21. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

Anything Goes is the story of two young people—Hope Harcourt (played by Heidi Niederer) and Billy Crocker (Jason Bordeaux)—who meet on a summer night in New York City, then separate without learning each other's names.

Three months later, they meet again—just as Hope is about to sail off on the S.S. American bound for

England. Seeing Hope, Billy boards the ship with his friend Reno Sweeney, a famed evangelist (Heather Ross).

Also on board are Public Enemy 13, Moonface Martin (Jared Armstrong), and Hope's stuffy fiancé, Sir Evelyn Oakleigh (Joe Pilon), gun moll Bonnie (Gina Rosi) and lots of other colorful characters.

The rest of the cast includes Mike Moon, Tiffany Ruark, Travis LaMotte, Tony Reimer, Ben Sartin, Colby Davis, Jenny French, Amanda Fortino, Rachel Ramaswamy, Erin Scott, Kira Maples, Laura Gassman, Jessica Abfalter, Amanda Boone-Bordeaux, Jenna Bugyi, Emily Wakeley, Kim Mallory and Alisha Carlisle.

The tap dancing chorus includes Michelle Gildner, Michelle Stephenson, Jon Bancroft, Shane Stephenson and Kristen Gaertner.

With music and lyrics by Cole

Porter, the musical features favorite tunes, including *You're the Top*, *It's Delovely*, *I Get a Kick Out of You* and, of course, *Anything Goes*.

Assisting Mrs. Binert with directorial duties are Karen Ross, vocal music coach; David Gott, pit band conductor; Dennis Ormsbee, pit band coach; and Mark Binert, technical/art director.

Bonnie French and Marti Gosling headed the costume and properties teams; Debra Stevens was responsible for make-up; Erica Aumock served as pianist; and Melanie Ross acted as choreographer.

Set construction was done by Larry Wilson, Jim Carmean, Robert Binert and Dave Ross.

Damien Barrett designed the programs and Ilesa Bordeaux handled patrons.

Students working on the technical end of the production included Allison Pettyjohn and Michelle Stepp, co-student directors;

Michelle Stepp, lighting; Lindsay Porter, student technical director; Heather Hatfield, Sonya Saladine and Monica Kustra, stage crew and set construction; and building trades students Allen Dickie, Eric Deline, Ray Pyle, Casey Helsel, Brad Daneluk, Andrew Smith, Luke Cross, Joe Strelchuk and Joe McGraw, set construction.

Anything Goes writers are Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsey and Russel Crouse. The musical is performed in cooperation with Tams-Witmark Music Library in New York.

So—What happens by the end of the S.S. American's cruise to England? Does Billy win Hope's heart? Does Reno capture the affections of Sir Evelyn? Is love in the cards for other passengers? Join the GHS Players this Thursday-Saturday—when anything will go—and find out.

County Board

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willingness to reach out to the private sector."

Dr. Harvey also stressed the importance of township and city business to the workings of the county.

After a break for lunch Crawford County's elected officials each gave brief presentations outlining their duties and responsibilities regarding county government.

Prosecutor John Huss went first, stating that his main duty in working with the county commissioners is providing legal opinions to the board when officially requested to do so.

"I'm more than willing to talk to any board members," said Huss. "We will drop things for board mat-

ters or county matters." Huss also touched briefly on the topic of conflicts of interest.

Judge Davis was next on the agenda, with a presentation regarding the recent court consolidation process and the board's basic working relationship with the courts.

Trial Court Administrator Rudi Edell discussed some of the financial advantages involved with the tri-county consolidation, including improved efficiency in purchasing.

The consolidation project was brought about by the Michigan Supreme Court and involves unifying Crawford, Kalamazoo and Otsego County court systems.

County Clerk Sandra Moore discussed the duties and roles of the commissioners, the clerk's role in county government and the Open Meetings and Freedom of

Information acts. She also gave a brief overview of the county controller position, which Crawford County has recently filled.

Sheriff David Lovely talked about the recent cutbacks his department has endured and the fact that "people are expecting the same level of service."

Sheriff Lovely explained that three of his deputies are working under funds from grants.

"We are also way understaffed in corrections," said Lovely.

In addition, Lovely encouraged the recently elected commissioners "to look at the 24-hour road patrol issue."

Treasurer Joseph Wakeley finished the afternoon's program with an explanation of his office's responsibilities and discussion of county budgeting.

Wakeley also explained how money is borrowed in the form of bonds to pay off delinquent taxes in the delinquent tax revolving fund, money which is paid back monthly while the taxes are being collected.

"Tax collecting can be a lengthy process," said Wakeley. He said that the collection "usually makes a profit," and that according to the theory of the "revolving" fund the money builds up enough over time to allow the county to pay off the delinquent taxes all at once without borrowing.

"We have used the money to supplement the general fund," said Wakeley. "The goal is to not transfer any of it to the general fund, but live within the budget."

Wakeley finished by commenting on the county controller, which would be the "chief accounting officer of the county," according to statute.

"It's a fundamental change that needs to be made," said Wakeley. "It will allow us to do better jobs in what we're supposed to be doing."



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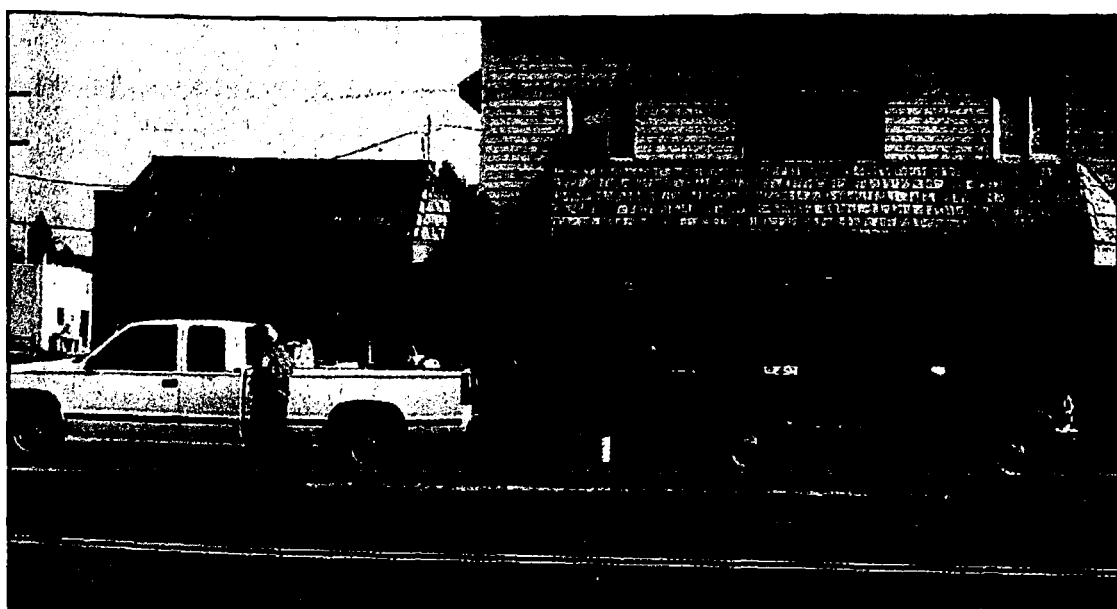


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MOVING DAY – On Monday, November 9, a group of young men from the Shawono Center, along with other volunteers, moved food and other items from the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center's old location on James Street to its new home on Huron Street.

Compo appointed Controller



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

WELCOME ABOARD – The Crawford County Board of Commissioners appointed Paul Compo the new County Controller.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

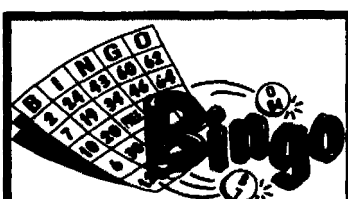
Coming to Crawford County from Flushing, newly appointed County Controller Paul Compo became familiar with the County Building and employees over the course of a few days last week, then worked his first full day in his new position on Monday, November 16.

Compo holds a Bachelor of Arts

degree from the University of Michigan and Master of Arts degree from Central Michigan University, both in Business.

"I'm excited to be here and eager to learn the nuts and bolts of the county," said Compo last week.

Compo now holds the responsibility of chief financial officer for Crawford County.



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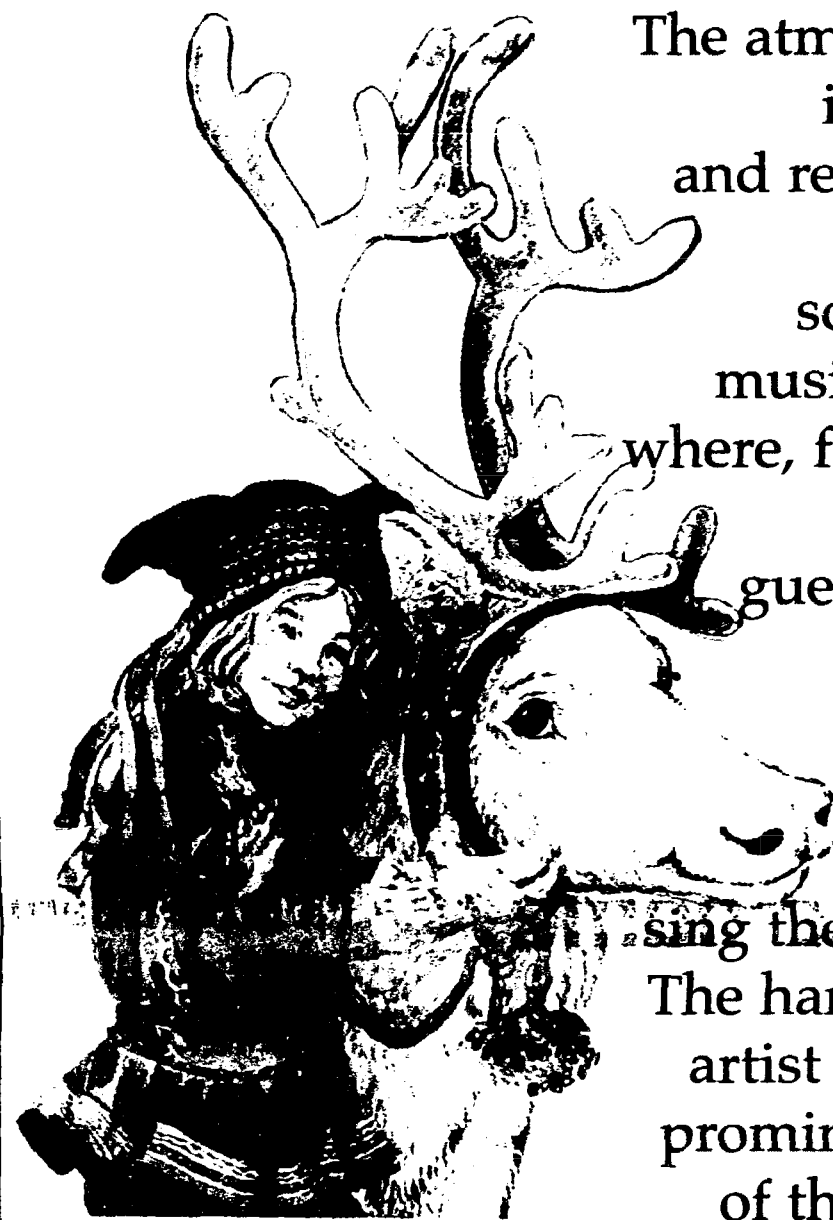
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Christmas Walk 1998

"With loving hearts...
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...the theme for the 1998 Uptown Grayling Christmas Walk to be held November 22nd, from 11 am to 4 pm.

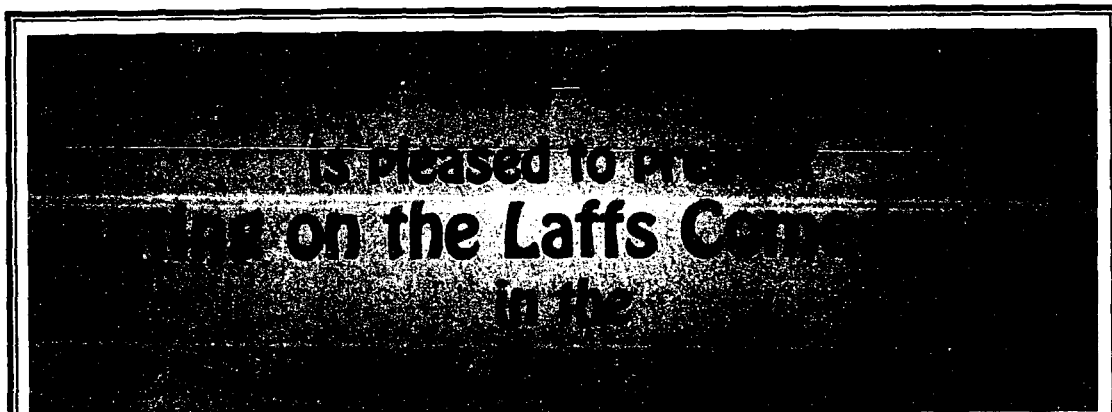
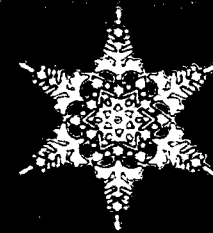
This annual event is a memorable occasion, and fun for the entire family.



The atmosphere is joyous and refreshing with the sounds of music everywhere, featuring special guest artists demonstrating and discussing their crafts. The hand of the artist is a very prominent part of this event.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Parties may edge toward moderation

THE INTRIGUING results of the 1998 election, both in Michigan and Washington, are bound to cause wholesale soul searching.

The losers should seek out a nice, comfortable couch and submit to deep analysis.

In Michigan, that means the Democrats must try to figure out who should be in charge, and how they should proceed.

Strangely enough, in Washington it means Republicans must probe for answers to the same questions.

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS face a tough job. How do they get back on track, and who will lead the way?

The new champion certainly is not the titular leader of the state party. Geoffrey Fieger lost 82 of 83 counties as the Democratic candidate for governor. Since the election, he has managed to insult and demean the few party leaders he missed in his rough and tumble underdog primary fight.

Is it organized labor? Probably not, although labor's role must be a major one. The Engler-Wolpe campaign in 1994 and the primary this year underline a growing Democratic problem: Increasingly union members don't vote as union leaders direct.

The Democratic congressional delegation is strong and experienced, but usually congressional influence in state politics is minimal.

FORMER GOV. James Blanchard could be a major player, even though he lost his last race for governor.

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer is a master politician, with an effective political structure in place in Detroit, but is mistrusted in many outstate areas simply because he is from Detroit.

The Democrats' most logical new power structure would build around their highest-ranking statewide office holder -- Jennifer Granholm, attorney general elect.

Her present boss, and biggest political booster is Ed McNamara, Wayne County Executive, who has a very effective political machine of his own.

The Granholm-McNamara axis, with organized labor more in the background, is the most logical source of Democratic party leadership to restructure the state party.

But what direction should the Michigan Democratic Party pursue? Probably away from the extreme liberal edges, and more toward the political center.

That's what seems to work across the nation for President Bill Clinton and other Democrats.

IN WASHINGTON, the political restructuring problem is reversed, and Republican strategists keep busy trying to figure out how to get untangled.

Speaker Newt Gingrich was riding high, until a couple of weeks before the election. Once the results were in, he briefly tried to put a happy face on what happened, and then gave up.

In the minds of most Americans, Newt Gingrich spoke for the Republican party. Can new Speaker Bob Livingston now speak for the

GOP? Or Sen. Trent Lott, Republican senate leader?

How about the Republican governors? The GOP dominates the governors' mansions, as well as state legislatures. Can leadership come from state capitals?

One huge problem is that Democrats can focus through President Clinton. Sometimes that's been good, sometimes bad. On balance, as polls remind us, people like the job he's been doing, so that's a point up for Democrats.

THE 2000 presidential campaign season is about to open, and a variety of GOP candidates will be heard across the land. That will further complicate the already splintered Republican focus.

If a Republican should win the White House, party leadership is settled. Time may solve the GOP dilemma.

But for right now, after Newt, who?

As for direction, Republicans likely also will move away from the extreme conservative fringes and toward the moderate center.

That seems to be where most American people are most comfortable.

It could develop that America will have two major parties with similar aims and styles, everything in moderation, with no place for extremists, right or left, to fit in.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE

EDITOR

Wife was victim, not plaintiff in local harassment case

To the editor,

Just a note in response to last week's letter from a "concerned" citizen about the plea bargain letter from October 29.

He referred to my wife as the plaintiff. I stand to correct him with the fact that she was the victim -- the victim has no choice when it comes to trial vs. plea bargain.

The State of Michigan is the plaintiff, therefore the prosecutor makes the choice between accepting a plea bargain and going to trial. She was against the plea bargain and supported taking this case to trial.

She felt confident that a conviction would have resulted, based on the events which took place, not based on sympathy.

As the editor noted, the name of the "subject" was removed at the discretion of the editor not by the writer.

After terrorizing my family for a year, I would like to have seen his name in that letter -- just for the simple fact of letting people know to beware of this person.

My wife did not ask anyone to go out of their way to catch him

violating probation; she did not ask anyone to follow him around to make sure he's where he is supposed to be. All she was asking was for the community to be aware of the situation.

Being that the identity of the "subject" was not revealed should not have closed the door for anyone who was truly concerned. That information is a matter of public record, and can be obtained through the courthouse.

The same information will also be printed in the paper when October's Circuit Court Sentencings are released.

We have received calls from some people who were concerned. Even though his name was not published does not mean it is impossible to obtain.

One final note -- he seems to think that we are at peace now. Well, he just has no idea what my family has been through nor what we are going through. Most of all, he does not have to reassure the children that everything will be O.K. now.

Scott Cinciala
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

by U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R-Michigan)

Michigan saw benefits from this Congress

This last session of Congress provided important benefits for Michigan.

In addition to finally balancing the budget, Congress enacted measures to help keep our economy strong, our environment clean, and our families safe.

Until recently, experts predicted budget deficits in the hundreds of billions of dollars as far as the eye could see. This year Congress finally stopped mortgaging our children's future and began taking responsibility for the money it spends, even reporting a \$70 billion surplus for fiscal year 1998.

The next step is to use the current surplus to put Social Security on a firm footing for the next century and then reduce the tax burden on Michigan families.

Congress also passed legislation to prepare our kids for good jobs and Michigan employers for global competition. High technology firms are particularly important in this respect. They make up a large part of our economy (Ann Arbor hosts one of the nation's largest concentrations of high-tech companies) and many individuals and businesses depend on computer software and other high-tech assets to stay competitive.

The American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act, which I authored, will provide

scholarships and job training to Michiganders studying in high-tech fields like electronics, math, engineering and computers. It will help Michiganders get the skills they need to succeed, and help Michigan companies find the skilled workers they need to stay on top.

In addition, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act will finally force the federal government to allow individuals and companies to fill out paperwork using electronic forms instead of wasting countless hours filling them out on typewriters or by hand. This will save time and money for business and in government, as well as spurring the growth of time-saving technologies.

The legislation also provides increased security for people transferring information over the internet, helping increase trust in electronic commerce.

Congress also passed legislation to build parents' trust in the internet by assuring that kids using school computers will not end up looking at pornography as they surf the web.

To keep trade and tourist dollars flowing, Congress managed to fend off implementation of a senseless immigration regulation, known as Section 110, requiring officials to check millions of

Canadians' papers at the border -- turning the Ambassador Bridge and every other Michigan point of entry into a vast parking lot.

Trade also requires good roads. And, with Congress' recent transportation legislation, Michigan now ranks 7th for the greatest increase in federal funds without sending a nickel more to Washington.

Under the old funding law, Michigan received only \$512 million annually. Now Michigan will receive about \$825 million annually, a 62 percent increase.

Improved roads will help Michigan trade with other states and countries. But a number of urban and rural areas are suffering economically because businesses cannot afford to clean up contaminated sites and put them to good use.

Until this Congress acted, companies cleaning up "brownfield" sites had to capitalize costs over many years. Now new owners will be able to deduct these costs immediately, encouraging greater economic growth and more environmental clean-up.

Congress also helped Michigan's environment through the National Parks Restoration Act. This legislation addresses the \$5 billion park construction backlog, implements a broad array of reforms and

increases park funding, benefitting every national park in Michigan.

Congress also allocated \$4.5 million to expand the Huron and Manistee National Forests.

As important as protecting our environment, two measures passed this Congress will help protect our families.

The Child Passenger Safety Protection Act authorizes \$7.5 million to promote important safety information on the use of children's car seats. And Congress reinstated a policy (previously revoked by President Clinton) requiring federal agencies to review proposed policies for their impact on families. Once again federal regulators will have to stop and think about how their actions affect American families.

There is a great deal of work to be done. But Michiganders made real progress this session in moving Washington to be more friendly toward our families, our environment and our economy.

Judge corrects election error

To the editor,

Your announcement of my reelection indicated that it was for a partial term. That is incorrect. And my mother reads your paper.

I was re-elected to a full term, which ends December 31, 2005.

Had you said I was re-elected for an impartial term, I could go along with that.

Alton T. Davis
Chief Judge
46th Circuit Trial Court
Grayling

Editor's note: Information included in the article mentioned by Judge Davis was received as such from election officials. Actual ballot language was correct, stating Davis was running for a full term. The editorial staff of *The Avalanche* sincerely regrets this error and any confusion it may have caused his honor or his mother.

Voters have already spoken on school bond issue

To the editor,

Well, here it is again. Mr. Kent Reynolds is asking for more money for the schools.

It was just a short time ago that the State distributed more money to the schools and I guess they want the voters to believe that Grayling was excluded.

Well, this time the play is to knock a few dollars off, call it a bond issue instead of a millage, form a committee and call it Kids Count, and wait for the seasonal residents to leave.

It was just six short months ago that the voters said, "no." I wonder what part of "no" doesn't Mr. Kent Reynolds understand.

This is not fair to the voters and taxpayers after they have already, in the same year, spoken at the polls.

It is the same story we heard in June about the bond market being low and what a great environment

to borrow money. Millages and bonds mean the same thing -- more taxes.

If this election fails, we can always keep putting it on the ballot till we cram it down the voters' throats.

Anyone can possess a title, but doing a job well paid for is another story.

It is time Grayling stops paying high salaries and benefits for part time employees and put this money to good use, than support someone's high living and to count on high taxes and millages.

I urge the voters to say "NO" on this bond issue. Send them a message this time and maybe, just maybe, it won't fall on deaf ears.

These schools will never be closed for failure of bonds and millages.

Norman Seaver
Grayling

Mercy Community Relations Director bids Grayling farewell

To the editor,

As many of you know, I have accepted a new position at our parent corporation, Mercy Health Services in Farmington Hills, and will be leaving the area soon.

Mercy Hospital is recruiting a Communications Specialist to fill my position.

In the interim period, before that individual is hired, Diane Friedrichson, Director of Occupational Health, will be the media contact person for the hospital.

I cannot express the gratitude I feel for the support our local media has offered to Mercy Hospital and its affiliates over the past years.

I'm sure you will continue to support our health care mission of serving all those in need, especially the poor and underserved.

God bless you in your future endeavors.

Mary Jo Conway
Director, Community Relations
Mercy Hospital
Grayling

Candle light service was 'impressive'

To the editor:

Veterans Day Celebration, sponsored by VFW Carl W. Borchers Post 3736, on November 11, 1998, was most impressive.

The candle light service, led by Marie Scott, President of VFW

Auxiliary, the GHS Band members, the National Guard and speakers touched all of us who were there.

Clara L. Sorenson
Grayling

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

R.S.V.P. for annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The 5th Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26) from 12 noon until 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling. Reservations for a home-delivered meal can still be made by calling Sally Golnick, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., at 348-9418. Or, call St. John Lutheran Church at 348-5224, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, weekdays. Anyone needing a ride to the dinner should make a reservation on Wednesday, November 25 or on Thanksgiving Day only by calling 348-2929. These are the only two days that ride reservations will be taken. Donations to defray the cost of the dinner can be made to: C.A.T.C., P.O. Box 44, Grayling, MI 49738.

Open House & Ski Swap planned at Hills

An Open House to provide information to the public about the Winter Sports Park at Hanson Hills will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Friday, November 20, in the Main Lodge. This is a family-type event offering live entertainment and a meal of homemade soups. Also, anyone wishing to sell equipment during the Ski Swap on Saturday, November 21, should bring their items the night of the Open House to the Fred Bear Memorial Center between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Ski Swap will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, please call 348-9266.

CYAC Board asks for ideas from public

The Christian Youth Activity Center Board of Directors is asking citizens, community leaders, and teens, from all walks of Crawford County life, to attend a meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 19, at 6 p.m. at the Ice House Quilt Shop on Norway Street. This is an informal meeting to gather information and ideas regarding the future of the youth center.

Range firing stops during deer season

Camp Grayling announced on November 13 that during Firearm Deer Season, November 15 - 30, range firing will not be conducted.

Rotary calendar winners announced

The Grayling Rotary Club has announced their Calendar Winners for October. Those who won \$50 each were: Bill Klinger, Beth Wheeler, Gary McConnell, Paul Lerg and Ed Schoonover.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner, of \$100, for week #7 is Keith Kujat.

Red Cross offers courses

While the days grow shorter, the wind howls louder, the snow is quickly closing in. As the holiday season rapidly approaches, remember your loved ones with a gift that might just say "I care." POSSIBLY YOUR OWN...

The American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter would like to remind you that it has a variety of courses offered throughout the year. Courses are designed to fit any age group, at any time of their life, and contain information that is vital, timely, and lifesaving. Also available are first aid kits or gift certificates to meet the needs of anyone on your holiday shopping list.

Instead of the same old tired gift box, basket of fruit and nuts or picture that doesn't fit anyone's decor, why not give your family, friends or co-workers a gift that shows how you care about them?

Courses offered:

Community First Aid & Safety - Perfect for the family expecting a new addition, family with a member with medical condition or anyone interested in helping themselves or others.

Pre-marital Health Counseling - This course is a requirement in the State of Michigan for those wishing to obtain a marriage license. What a convenient gift for the couple getting married in the upcoming year. Available in Gaylord and Alpena only.

Healthy Pregnancy Healthy Baby - This course is a seven week long childbirth education series that is vital, informative and extremely

important for every expectant parent. Available in Alpena only.

Babysitter's Training - Top of the list for 11 - 15 year olds wishing to become a babysitter, or wanting to improve their skills. Safety, emergency measures and professionalism are integral parts of the course.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer - This program is for the first responder, nursing student, lifeguard or anyone wishing to have advanced training.

Instructor courses are available for a variety of needs - What a better way to give back to your community than to become a volunteer instructor and share your gift of time and expertise.

First aid kits are available for a variety of needs - Whether it's for the home, boat, car or workplace. The kits are custom made to fit the particular needs of everyone from the sports enthusiast to the weekend warrior. Kits for babysitters are a hot item for teens and are sure to please even the pickiest teenagers on your list. Pet first aid manuals and kits will delight the animal lover.

If you can't decide, let a gift certificate (available for any amount, for any item), speak of your caring.

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2370 Business I-75, Grayling (517)-348-9745

And the winner is...



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

NEW TUBE - Brad Scheer, of Scheer Motors (left) congratulates Jim Tulgetske of Gaylord (right), the winner of a 27" RCA color television as a result of a recent contest drawing at the dealership. "I was here for a brake job, and I saw the entry box... so I entered. You never think you're going to win," said Tulgetske, then added, "I can always use a new T.V."

Send a message for free, to armed service members

If you have a friend or loved one in any branch of the military, you can send them a message almost anywhere in the world for the price of a local phone call.

Often referred to as one of the best-kept secrets in the military, the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) is a program formalized in 1952, sponsored by the Department of Defense and supported by the Department of the Army and other military services.

In addition to handling message traffic between the civilian community and the military, MARS has other missions, one of which is to provide auxiliary communications for military, federal, civil and/or disaster support officials during periods of emergency.

MARS is composed of trained civilian radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Approximately 100 men and women here in Michigan and more than 5,000 nationwide volunteer to interface with the military and make the program a success. Using the computers and high frequency radios, thousands of messages to and from bases in the U.S., as well as faraway places like Saudia Arabia, Korea, Germany and Bosnia, are delivered daily.

To send a free MARSGRAM,

call your local MARS contact, Roy Burmeister in Saginaw at 517-777-7112 any day. Have your message (50 words or less) and the full military mailing address ready when you call.

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THURS 19	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 - 5 pm, for more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457 •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING @ Hanson Hills 7 pm
FRI 20	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 21	•ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at ROOC. Located at the top of Pioneer Hill, 11051 N. Cut Road, Roscommon. (Across from COOR) Everyone welcome. Lunch will be available. All proceeds to go to benefit the Consumers Activity Department. Hope to see you there!
SUN 22	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 23	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 24	•GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 25	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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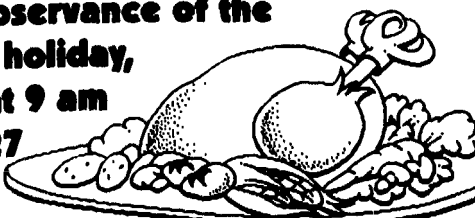
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Early Deadlines! Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 24 so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for all display ads is 5 pm Thursday, Nov. 19, to be considered for the Nov. 25th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 20. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 23.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and reopen at 9 am Friday, Nov. 27



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The Bible Speaks

Perilous times

God prophesied of coming perilous times when immoral religious people would despise the good and love the wicked. (2 Timothy 3:1-7) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, (3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, (4) Traitors, heady highminded lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; (5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (6) For of this sort are they which creep into house, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, (7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Historically, wise men have understood the truth that morality preserves civilization. "It is the eternal struggle between these two principles -- right and wrong -- throughout the world. They are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time..." -- Abraham Lincoln "To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

Theodore Roosevelt "Laws do not persuade just because they threaten." -- Seneca "Since custom is the principal magistrate of man's life, let men by all means endeavor to obtain good customs." -- Frank Bacon "The government, which was designed for the people, has got into the hands of the bosses and their employers, the special interests. An invisible empire has been set up above the forms of democracy." -- President Woodrow Wilson "Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state wants to live at the expense of everyone." -- Frederic Bastiat (Above quotes from <http://www.Federalist.com>.)

Two thousand years ago a perfect one stood up for truth in a world which hated and rejected Him. He was truth personified, and never spoke a lie! The liberal religious leaders of His nation paid 30 pieces of silver to one of his disciples to betray Him. He was tried before His nation's highest religious body and declared to be a blasphemer worthy of death. The Roman gentile rulers carried out his civil trial and fulfilled his sentence of death. In a choice for freedom between this perfect person and a criminal guilty of insurrection, robbery, and murderer. (Mark 15:7;

John 18:40), the people chose to free the criminal, and crucify, God in human flesh. The religious leaders called for the death of Christ and the release of Barabbas. (Mark 15:11) "But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them." (Mark 15:15) "And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified."

Morality has always been a life and death issue on earth. It will bring eternal blessing or damnation from the hand of a Holy God. Satan is preparing this world system for the rule of antichrist. Columns like this one will soon be forced to become politically correct or go out of print. Which side will you be found defending, the evil side with Barabbas, or the good side with Jesus Christ?

"Pastor B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ranch/1263/>

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Good kids rewarded with hay ride



REWARDING HAY RIDE -- Fifth grade students at Frederic Elementary School went for a hay ride on October 28 as a reward for good behavior.

by Joshua Mastej,
Randi Richardson,

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Katie Baynham
Student Writers

On October 28, the Frederic Elementary School went on a hay ride.

Danny Latusek's father, Tony, provided the wagon, hay and tractor.

Before the hay ride, the Frederic Fire Department provided donuts and apple cider.

The hay ride and treats were for those of us that did not receive a "red slip" during the month of October. It was part of the Social Skills program at Frederic Elementary School.

As a safety precaution, Deputy Sheriff Shawn Kraycs followed the wagon in his patrol car.

Students said that they thought the ride was great.

Church Directory



The Missing Piece...

Life may appear to be a jigsaw puzzle. Just when we think we have it all together, to our dismay we find that one piece is missing. We rush from place to place many of us with anxiety, fear, and impatience as our companions. We worry and we wonder how we will fit all of our responsibilities into hectic schedules. Have you ever considered that God may be that missing piece in the puzzle that is your life? He is there, waiting to help you, always vigilant. We are told in the Bible that "not one of them (sparrows) will fall to the ground without your Father's will." (Matthew 10:29). We also read in Matthew 10:30, "But even the hairs of your head are numbered...you are of more value than many sparrows."

Let God help keep your life peaceful and in an orderly fashion. Worship this week and give Him a chance. All you have to do is ask and believe.

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May 9:45 to 10:45
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Bible Study (Wed.) 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

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Pastor Robert Faber
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348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
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Pastor Dale Hammond
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Morning Worship 11 am
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
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M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes 10:30 am
Sunday Worship 11:15 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Sunday Prayer Service 1 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
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506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
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Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

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Sunday School 10 am
Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
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Morning Service 11 am
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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod
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Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am
Bible Study & Sunday School 9:15 am
Tuesday Night School 5:30 p.m.

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West - Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise 10:30 am
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Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided 10:30 am
by Licensed Daycare Professional
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran (Wels)
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor
For information call 275-5443
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
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2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Unity of Gaylord
Rex Franklin, Minister
Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters • (517) 786-3913
Sunday Services 10:30 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

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Photo by Caleb Casey

LSSU's receives fire service accreditation

Lake Superior State University's bachelor of science degree program in fire science was recently approved by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress as meeting all requirements set by the organization for the fire service training and education.

According to Dr. Terry Heyns of the School of Criminal Justice, Fire Science and Education, IFSA includes members who represent fire service training and education organizations from around the world.

"This accreditation is important to our graduates because of an ever-competitive job market," Heyns said. "Over the last 30 years, the demands on the fire service have increased and, as a result, there is much higher emphasis placed on education."

Heyns said a degree which is accredited tells

employers that a graduate of the program has completed a curriculum which has been evaluated and which meets professional standards of instruction, keeps up with current research, and provides support to accomplish its mission and goals in granting a fire science-related degree.

LSSU has been working on the accreditation for three years, according to Heyns, who said the accrediting team not only reviewed the program but also other areas of the University, including library support and available resource materials, learning resource center facilities, the University budget, strategic plan, faculty background and professional activity, and community relationships.

A written report filed by the accrediting team said, "We were most impressed with the amount of involvement that the faculty has in planning,

budgeting, and in various campus committees and professional development."

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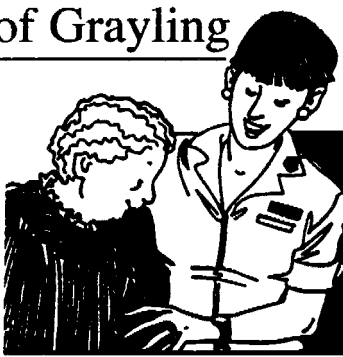


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Over half-ton of food collected by Mercy



Photo by Linda Golnick

BRINGING IN THE HARVEST - The Mercy Hospital Family of services, including employees, medical staff and volunteers, collected 1,366 pounds of food as part of the 1998 Michigan Harvest Gathering, from October 12-25. The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center was the recipient of the food collected in Grayling, valued at \$981.82. Members of the project team were: Front row (l to r) Gerry Schroeder, Mary Kay Zeinert, Sister Naomi Holysko; back row (l to r) Ann McGuire, Sherry Haag, Mark Cook, Donna Pflum. Not shown: Pat Tundo.

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Although the degree to which the Year 2000 (Y2K) issue affects a business will vary greatly, you can be assured that if your systems rely on computers or electronically controlled devices, your business is at risk.

The Michigan Association of CPAs says there are steps you can take now to minimize those risks. Here are a few of them.

Take an inventory of your hardware and software.

Identify and list the various computer-based systems, components, and hardware that support your business. Include computer-controlled equipment such as automated machinery in your production line, telephone systems, security and safety systems, transport systems, and other equipment that may involve a computer chip.

Don't overlook other hardware and software that may use a date, including utility programs such as Microsoft Office, accounting packages and custom-written or adapted systems developed for your business.

If you use a service bureau for your data processing needs, make a list of all the services it provides. Then ask the service bureau in writing about if each service is year-2000 compliant. If a service bureau says it is ready for the year 2000, ask it to provide test results demonstrating the fact.

Assess your system's compliance.

You should also assess whether each of the items on your inventory list is Y2K compliant.

Start with those systems or components that are most critical to your business operations and those that are date sensitive. Systems that are date sensitive include ones that perform any kind of forecasting through time, such as calculating interest on a loan or projecting inventory levels.

One way to test your systems being compliant

is to run it as if it were already the year 2000. For example, test 1/7/2000 and 1/10/2000 to ensure that the system operates correctly on the first Friday of the new century and the Monday after the first Friday.

Validate that the system operates correctly at the month end, 1/31/2000, and rolls over to 2/1/2000 properly. You'll also want to validate such things as interest and other time-based finance calculations, inventory processing, and expiration date processing.

However, before running such tests, make sure you evaluate the impact of resetting systems dates so you don't foul up current operations.

Another way to assess your system is to look at the computer code and follow the logic. If such is not possible because this is based on a purchased package, contact the vendor. In fact, it's wise to contact all suppliers for confirmation in writing that their product is Y2K compliant or for details of the steps required to achieve compliance.

Correct existing systems.

Once you have determined those systems that need to be modified, the next step is to determine how to repair them.

Basically, you can repair or upgrade the system, replace it or retire it. It's important to keep in mind that a strategy to replace or repair a non-ready system should take into account those systems that interface with other systems, both within and outside the organization.

In making your systems Y2K compliant, you can also expect a little help from Uncle Sam in the form of tax deductions. For example:

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Keep in mind that the right solution for your business depends on your business goals and the way in which you plan to use technology to meet those goals. A CPA or another technology consultant can help you make the most informed decision regarding Y2K issues and your business.

Home schoolers now eligible for Army education benefits

Young men and women who gain their high school diploma through home schooling can now receive the same Army benefits as those students who graduate from a traditional high school.

This is an exceptional opportunity for home schooled students. Home schooled students can now participate in the full range of Army benefits if they decide to enlist.

With the popularity of home schooling increasing over the years, it became necessary to offer equal enlistment opportunities to those gaining their high school diploma at home.

Home schooled students now, in addition to the Montgomery GI Bill, receive full Army College Fund benefits if qualified. The Army College Fund provides up to \$40,000 for college for those who elect to participate.

Home schooled young men and women can also qualify for the Army's loan repayment program, which gives students up to \$65,000 to repay federally insured student loans.

Another new benefit for the home schooled student is the enlistment bonus of up to \$12,000 for enlistment in certain military occupational specialties.

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Local officials foresee little money from Proposal C

by Amy Lee
Capital News Service

Area officials are taking a wait-and-see attitude about whether any of the \$675 million Michigan voters approved for environmental clean-up will funnel into Crawford County.

"I'm waiting for the details," said Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford. "I'm skeptical about the value of this for small areas."

The Clean Michigan proposal allows the state to sell \$675 million worth of bonds to clean up former industrial sites, curb fertilizer runoff, improve drinking water, upgrade park facilities and clean up contaminated river sediment. The measure passed easily with more than 60 percent voter support November 3.

"We're just delighted. This made absolute sense for the state," said Donald Stypula, the environmental manager of the Michigan Municipal League.

But not everyone is convinced

the measure will benefit all Michigan residents.

"When you look at the Detroit area with their huge factories, I'm afraid money will flow in that direction and we won't see a great deal of it," said Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling.

About \$335 million is slated specifically to clean up "brown-fields," abandoned polluted industrial sites.

The proposal also allocates \$90 million for clean drinking water programs, \$50 million to combat "non-point-source" pollution that comes from more than one location, \$50 million for waterfront development and \$50 million for state park clean-up. The rest will go toward river clean-up, pollution prevention and lead abatement.

Only a few areas in Crawford County may be contaminated and qualify for state aid, said Pat Merrill, the county's Environmental Monitor.

Lack of heavy industry in the

area keeps the environment relatively clean. "A few sites are being looked at, but they're very small," Merrill said. "We don't have that big of a problem up here."

Local government must apply for the grants. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will then organize a list of possible projects, Stypula said. The DEQ deals with projects like brownfield redevelopment, while the DNR deals more with cleaning up waterways.

A few former gas station sites may be polluted, Lowe said, but Morford doubts Crawford County's minor problems will make any impression on the DEQ.

"I just don't think our problems are unique enough to attract attention. That hurts our chances for getting grants from this fund," Morford said.

The two state parks on Higgins Lake, however, might be eligible for some maintenance funds, he

said. A section of Lake Superior's shoreline near downtown Marquette will likely be the first project to get underway, said the municipal league's Stypula. That was the Upper Peninsula's main iron ore shipping point during the 1800's.

"There's quite a bit of contamination up there," Stypula said.

For other projects, county and city officials must alert the DEQ and DNR to potential problem spots, he said.

"It all depends on how aggressive local governments are in obtaining the money," Stypula said.

But for Morford, cutting through the red tape and getting results from the state sometimes poses more of a problem than a solution.

"Sometimes I kill more trees by doing the paperwork for a grant than if I'd gone out there and dumped (toxins) on the ground," he said.

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Get rid of pesticides at new Clean Sweep Site

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant announced that the state's newest Clean Sweep site for collection of unwanted pesticides was dedicated and opened to the public on Monday, November 9th.

It is only state-funded pesticide disposal site located in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"A collection site is needed in the Traverse City area. In fact, before it even opens next week we have a waiting list of people who wish to get rid of their pesticides in an environmentally-safe manner," Wyant said.

"I am pleased to see the site opened just as Northwest Michigan residents are doing their last bit of fall clean-up chores around the farm, home and garden."

The Clean Sweep Program in Traverse City is a cooperative effort between the Grand Traverse County Solid Waste Office, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Groundwater Stewardship Program.

Two dozen pesticide users from

six counties in Northern Michigan expressed their intention to use the site the first afternoon.

The Grand Traverse Clean Sweep building was constructed with a \$31,500 grant from the EPA. The Michigan Department of Agriculture has committed to pay pesticide disposal costs for the next 10 years.

Grand Traverse County Solid Waste personnel will staff and maintain the site.

Michigan residents are invited to dispose of unused and unwanted pesticides by taking them to the Clean Sweep site, where they will be collected, packaged for shipping to an appropriate disposal site. There is no charge for consumers to use the Clean Sweep site.

Pesticides dealers and individuals who sell or apply pesticides for hire may, at the Clean Sweep manager's discretion, dispose of unwanted or unused pesticides at the site for a small fee. The fee is

typically about 20 percent of the normal cost of pesticide waste disposal because of economies of scale and competitive bidding for disposal services.

Operation Clean Sweep was established by MDA in 1994 to provide Michigan residents with a free, environmentally-safe and convenient way to dispose of pesticides.

At first, the program organized collection drives around the state when residents could bring in materials at scheduled times. To increase program effectiveness, MDA now supports nine permanent Clean Sweep sites around the state, including the Grand Traverse County site.

In 1997, the program collected 50,000 pounds of unwanted or unused pesticides statewide, keeping them out of landfills and other situations where groundwater contamination might occur.

Two additional sites are scheduled for completion during 1999.

For more information or to arrange a disposal time at the Grand Traverse County Solid Waste Office at (616)-922-4576. The site is located behind the Department of Public Works Garage at 361 Welch Court, in Traverse City.

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program is a cooperative effort between Michigan Department of Agriculture, MSU Extension and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan AgriBusiness Association and the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture, which serves the state's second-largest industry, is the official state agency charged with serving, promoting and protecting the food, agriculture and agricultural economic interests of the people of the State of Michigan.

County board gives full support to proposed mall

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed at their most recent regular meeting to send a letter of support to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the sale or exchange of State land for a proposed mall development in Beaver Creek

Township.

In a letter to the DNR dated November 10, the Board members expressed their pleasure in hearing the request from developers Jerry DeWitt and Ron Fraser, and assured the DNR's Exchange and Special Services Unit of its Real Estate Division, that the Commissioners will accept the responsibility that

comes with growth in the community, "without reservation."

The proposed mall site would involve 190 acres located between Four and Five Mile Roads, off of Old 27.

The issue of the land sale or exchange will be addressed at a public hearing on December 1, in Lansing.

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Local groups plan for recreational trails

Imagine getting on your bicycle or cross-country skis a few blocks from your home, regardless of where you live in Crawford County, and travelling to the Hartwick Pines, Lake Margrethe, or Hanson Hills. Imagine riding or hiking through the forests for two miles, ten miles, or even all day on a recreational outing.

Imagine your children riding their bicycles safely to their baseball or soccer games at the fairgrounds, or walking safely, away from traffic, to the high school.

Well, outdoor enthusiasts take note. A special county-wide system of recreational trails designed especially for you may be just around the recreational bend. It will become reality if a group of local citizens have their way.

A sub-committee of the Crawford County Parks and Recreation Committee has been formed to identify, design and implement a series of multi-use pathways in the county.

Some trails will lead to specific destinations, others will be looped to lead back to the beginning. Some will follow existing roads, others will wind through the forests. Some will be for seasonal motorized

recreational vehicles, others will be limited to non-motorized traffic.

Wayne Koppa, chairman of the chamber's transportation committee, has been appointed to lead the trails effort. Members of the committee come from both governmental and private interests.

"As more and more people look for healthy ways to spend time outdoors, the need for a system of multi-use trails throughout the county becomes apparent," said Koppa. "The goal of this committee is to turn that need into a reality."

Koppa said many other northern Michigan communities have developed pathway systems which have become vital links to both recreation and transportation for local residents and tourists.

The trails committee, working with other local citizens and citizen groups, has begun the process of developing a comprehensive pathways master plan which will identify the necessary vision, strategies, leadership, and funding to create a trail system in Crawford County.

"We're going to be looking at every aspect of developing trails," Koppa said. "User safety and the safety and privacy of adjoining properties will be two of our main concerns."

He said the funding for community trail systems has usually come from recreational grants. "A lot of recreational money is available right now. I've been told by people who have successfully gone through this process that if the planning has been done properly, and if the community is supportive, then money can be found. But, it's imperative that we get the whole community involved."

As a county-sponsored effort, prior to any trails being developed, public hearings must be held to hear citizen input. Those hearings are expected to take place sometime next year.

Koppa said once the local trails are developed, the logical next step would be to link them with trails in surrounding counties.

The local trail effort is a direct result of national and state legislation in the late 80's and early 90's aimed at redefining and combining local recreation and transportation needs.

Out of this legislation the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy of Michigan and many urban greenway movements began.

Currently, not including the statewide snowmobile system, there are 380 miles of multi-use trails

open to the Michigan public. Another 365 miles of trails are under construction, and an equal number of trail miles have been proposed.

Among those trails currently open or under construction is the 83-mile Top Of Michigan Trail which links Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Alanson, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Onaway and Hawks. A side trail from Cheboygan to Gaylord is currently being developed.

Another trail links Cadillac to Grand Rapids and is intersected at Reed City by a trail linking Baldwin to Midland.

According to Koppa, Crawford County could easily add another 100 miles of trails to the state network. He is urging anyone interested in joining the trail effort to contact him through the Chamber of Commerce, or to contact any of the following committee members: David Frederick, Crawford County Transportation Authority; Susan Thiel, MDNR Forest Management Division; Lynnette Corlew, Crawford County; Cindy Olson, Hanson Hills Recreation Authority; Kent Reynolds, Crawford-AuSable Schools; Terry Wright, Grayling Township; Lynn McConnell, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce; or, Dick Fultz, the Bicycle Shop.

The next meeting of the Trails Committee will be on Monday, November 30, at 8 a.m. in the meeting room of the Crawford County Transportation Authority.

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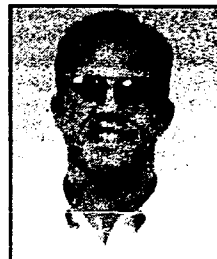
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OBITUARIES

William H. Lenkowski

William H. Lenkowski, age 81, went to be with His Lord passing in his sleep November 10, 1998. Bill lived a colorful and productive life and enjoyed Michigan outdoor activities.

He was born in Ironwood, moving to Detroit, where he began his work history at the age of 13 through his involvement in the C.C.C. Camp and the US Navy in WWII. He became an excellent chef and established two businesses, The Coffee Shop in St. Ignace and the The Cottage Inn Resort, here in Grayling. His work history in Toledo was at the Dana Corp., until his retirement in 1982. He became an avid vegetable gardener and he spent his winters in N. Palm Beach, FL until he was diagnosed with a chronic illness, which he never fully recovered. He will be lovingly remembered for his wonderful recipes, wit, generosity, and persevering nature.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Frances B. Lenkowski; daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and Terry Wickerling of Grand Rapids; son and daughter-in-law Bill and Sherie Lenkowski of Hoffman Estates, IL; daughter and son-in-law, Bonita and Richard Reilly of Toledo; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was greeted by his entire family and 2 granddaughters, who preceded him in transition into eternal life.

Services were held at Memorial Bros. Funeral Home. Memorials can be offered to the Alzheimer's Association.

Russell G. Johns

Russell G. Johns, age 74, died at Mercy Hospital, November 16, 1998.

Russell lived in the Grayling area for the past nine years. Originally from Sault Ste Marie, Russell worked for Bundy Tubing for 46 years out of Warren. As he spent time with his large family, he still

managed to find time working at Grayling Auto Repair as a Customer Service Representative.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Johns, of Houghton Lake; son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Linda Johns of Fraser; son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Tammy Johns of Grayling; daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Elmer Horton of Nauvoo, IL; daughter and son-in-law Terry and Steven Lucas of Eastpointe; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Mr. Johns was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Gerald Patrick Hart and granddaughter, Katy Lynn Lucas.

Funeral services to be held, Friday, November 20, 1998 at the Sorenson Funeral Home at 1 p.m., Reverend Robert Wetzel officiating clergyman. Military rites by American Legion Post 106 and Michigan National Guard.

Family suggest memorials to Crawford County Animal Shelter or American Heart Association.

Russell L. "Bid" Yacks

Russell L. "Bid" Yacks, age 81, passed away at Mercy Hospital of Grayling, November 12, 1998.

"Bid" was born in River Rouge, and worked as a conductor with Michigan Central Railroad, New York Central and Penn Central out of Bay City. Russell lived in the Grayling area for the past 25 years. During which he kept busy as an avid golfer.

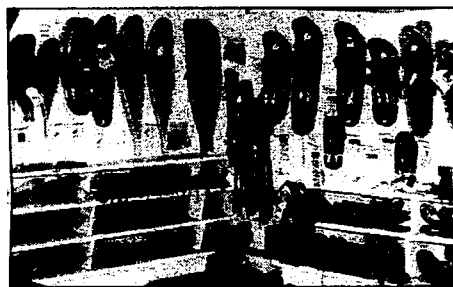
Russell is survived by his wife, Ethel L. (Lewis) Yacks, son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Martha Yacks of Essexville; son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Kathy Yacks of Pinconning; daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Larry Haight of Grayling; 6 grandchildren, Dawn, Mary, Rob, Bill, Royal and Jake; 5 great grandchildren, Kellie, Sammy, Caroline, Russell and Annie, and his beloved pet "Tosha".

No services are planned. Family suggests memorials to Crawford County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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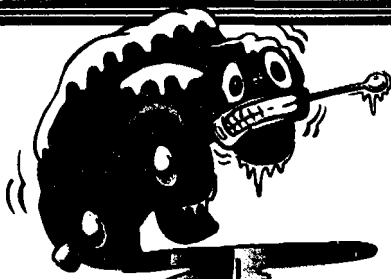
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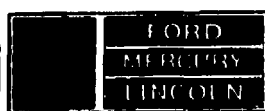
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by Jan Farley

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Pot Roast

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Veggies

20th - Sweet & Sour Pork / no
dinner

23rd - Italian Round Steak/
Breaded Fish

24th - Thanksgiving Dinners at
noon and five

25th - Roast Chicken / Roast Beef

26 & 27th - The Center will be
closed; Happy Thanksgiving to one
and all.

30th - Veal Birds / Beef Tips &
Noodles

Thought to leave you with: There
are two days no one should ever
worry about: yesterday and tomor-
row.

Please have a good week and stop
in and see us soon.

Card of Thanks

Grayling Baptist Church would
like to say thank you to Glen's
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Halloween night hotdog give away.
Because of your generosity many
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a free hot dog that night. Thanks so
much. The member of Grayling
Baptist Church.

HEALTHLINE

Holiday decorating tips

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

This column is presented as a
public service to the community
by District Health Department
No. 10, which covers a ten coun-
ty area. If you have any ques-
tions you would like answered in
this column, please send them to:
Health Education Department,
in care of your local Health
Department.

Q: I would like to decorate the
house for the holiday but now I
have a curious toddler. What safe-
ty precautions should I know?

Signed: Worried Mom

A: The holidays should be a fun
time for little children.
Unfortunately for some, holiday
activities can be a source of acci-
dents and illness.

Here are a few precautions to
keep in mind so that good times
are had by all. They are suggested
by the Children's Hospital of
Michigan Trauma Center.

Holiday foods and beverages:
Prepare and store the turkey to pre-
vent food borne illnesses.
Alcoholic beverages are a danger
to children - keep them out of chil-
dren's reach. Be especially careful
of premixed beverages that are
creamy and fruit flavored. Chil-
dren can mistake these for
pop, milk or fruit drinks and con-
sume enough to cause dangerously
low blood sugar, stupor or coma.

Holiday decorations:
Christmas tree light bubbling fluid
fortunately comes in small
amounts. If the bulb is broken and
the contents ingested it is unlikely
that a child would consume a toxic
quantity. However, a poison con-
trol center or doctor should be con-
tacted since central nervous sys-
tem depression could result.

Fireplace colors: These are

salts of metals such as copper, bar-
ium, selenium and lead. Their
ingestion could cause gastroin-
testinal irritation. Keep them out
of reach and call for advice if
eaten.

**Old tinsel and some colored
wrapping paper:** May contain
lead and should be kept out of
reach of curious toddlers.

Ornaments: Paint and coloring
on these do not cause poisoning
but they can cut or choke young
children. For this reason they can
be a hazard.

Angel hair: Can cause irritation
of eyes, skin and gastrointestinal
tract since it is composed of spun
glass. Use it cautiously if children
are present.

Snow spray: Ingestion should
not lead to toxic consequences
since the propellant evaporates
after the mixture is sprayed so it is
not usually swallowed. However,
be cautious.

Holiday plants: Know what
plants are around your home since
some holiday plants can cause
toxic symptoms if eaten: mistle-
toe, boxwood, Jerusalem cherry,
Jequirity bean, holly berries, and
pyracantha to name just a few.
Any plant in a child's mouth
should be considered a foreign
object since it may also obstruct an
airway.

If, in spite of all your precau-
tions, any plant or foreign sub-
stance is eaten by your child, do
not hesitate to call the
Poison Control Center
at 1-800-764-7661

Posting this number near your
phone can be your most important
safety tip for the Holiday Season.
If you have any questions about
the toxicity of items in your home,
they can be answered by the expert
personnel at this center.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers for Donald and
Matthew Vradenburg. Both with cancer, seem to be stable.

Sondra Vradenburg

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ACC400	Auditing	Mon.	6-9:25
MGT301	Small Business Management	Mon.	6-9:25
COM316	Small Group Communications	Mon.	6-9:25
MTH136	Fundamentals of College Math	Mon.	6-9:25
ACC401	Advanced Accounting I	Tues.	6-9:25
ECO201	Macroeconomics	Tues.	6-9:25
MGT441	Diversity in the Workplace	Tues.	6-9:25
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Tues.	6-9:25
MKT316	Sales Management	Tues.	6-9:25
ACC350	Accounting and Information Systems	Wed.	6-9:25
COM212	Intro to Speech	Wed.	6-9:25
MGT375	Organizational Dynamics	Wed.	6-9:25
CIS101	Computer Information Processing	Thurs.	6-9:25
COM122	College Writing II	Thurs.	6-9:25
FIN340	Corporate Finance	Thurs.	6-9:25
HIS202	American History 1820-1900	Thurs.	6-9:25
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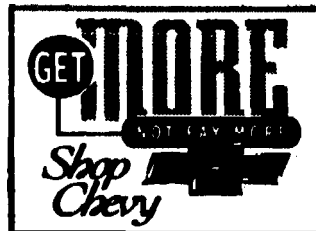
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4-H Capitol Experience is open to 4-H members who are at least high school freshmen. The cost for participants is \$140, which covers three nights lodging at the Ramada Inn of East Lansing, Sunday dinner, all meals Monday and Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, snacks and event materials.

Teens and adults interested in joining the 1999 4-H Capitol Experience delegation can pick up an application package at the Crawford County 4-H, MSU

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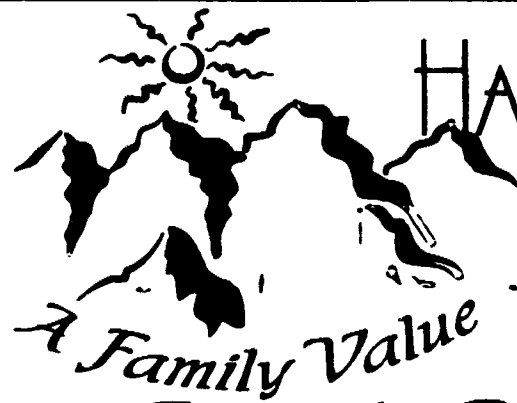
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Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Game 20 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____			
Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #18 _____	

Avalanche Football contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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| 1. Detroit (29) | 11. Oakland |
| 2. Miami | 12. Green Bay |
| 3. Buffalo | 13. Jacksonville |
| 4. Atlanta | 14. Dallas |
| 5. Tennessee | 15. Denver (Mon) |
| 6. Washington | 16. Kansas St. |
| 7. Indianapolis | 17. Tennessee |
| 8. Minnesota | 18. Toledo (31) |
| 9. New Orleans (27) | 19. Purdue |
| 10. San Diego | 20. U of M |

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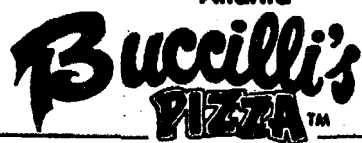
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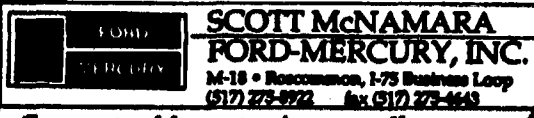
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Fourteen traffic accidents, one non-traffic safety, one vehicle inspections, one hit and run accident, one OUID, one public citation and 23 general non-criminal crimes.

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to a total of 102 incidents during the week of November 9-16, 1998

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Airman, Kristin M. MacKay, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

MacKay is the daughter of Kim L. Parkhurst of Prudenville, and granddaughter of Lucille Whitehouse of Grayling.

She is a 1998 graduate of Houghton Lake School.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

The Crawford County Library received over 200 entries for the Children's Book Week Book Mark Contest.

The winners of the Book Mark Contest are Mitchell Alimenti, 4th grade; Dayne Rohn, 3rd grade; Jessie Drouillard, 3rd grade; Mitchell Hernandez, 4th grade; Lahken Rohn, 2nd grade; Joel Collin, 4th grade; Liz McLaughlin, 4th grade; Matt Larson, 5th grade; Jennifer Emmons, 6th

grade; Cody Bromley, 5th grade; Jordan Klemish, 4th grade; Scot Olson, 4th grade; Jason Renaud, Kindergarten; Savannah Foguth, 1st grade; Bobby Ott, 2nd grade; Ian Donaldson, 1st grade.

The original entries will be mailed to the artist along with copies. Copies will be available all year at the Crawford County Library listing hours and phone numbers.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7

p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214. www.graylingmi.com/library.htm.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 noon, Wednesday/Thursday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Saturday 12 noon-3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

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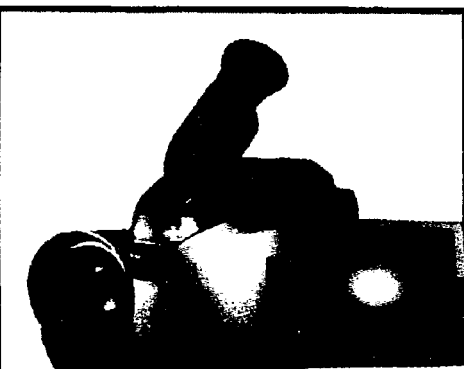
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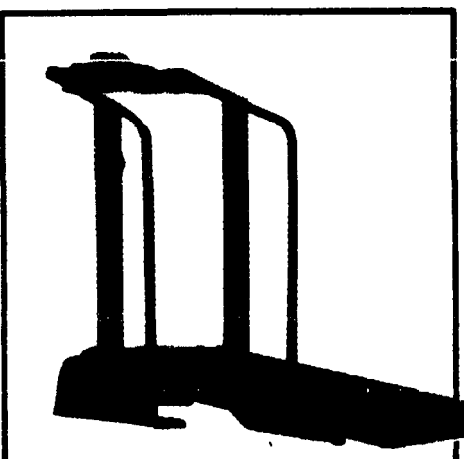
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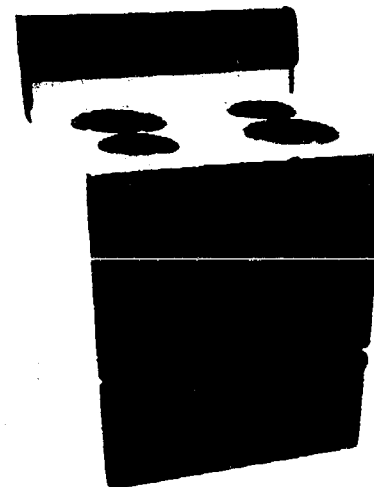


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 Brandi Welch
 Kyle Wheat
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All "A"

7th grade

Erin Caverly
 Samantha Collin
 Thomas Earls
 Megan Fekete
 Kip Franklin
 Gail Hilliker
 Joseph Lange
 Michael Salyers
 Andrew Vos
 Jamie Zelek

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 Phillip Armstrong
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 Joni Welch
 William Wright
 Jeff Xiong
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 Anneliese Finke
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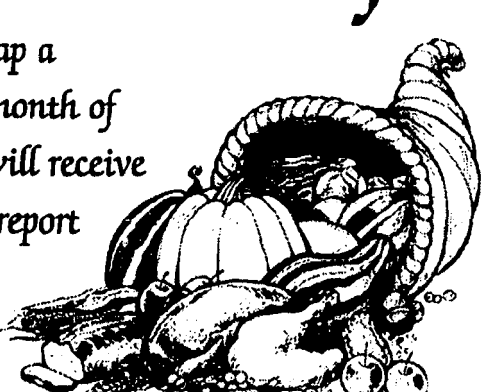
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Correction

In last week's *Avalanche* 10th grader Jennifer Wheeling was inadvertently left off the Grayling High School Honor Roll list. We apologize for the error.

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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, November 19, 1998

Local man canoes to the Arctic Circle

Norm Miller, son of Harry and Betty Miller of Grayling and 1981 graduate of Grayling High School, recently completed a two thousand mile solo canoe trip in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Northwest Territories.

Miller began his journey June 27 on the Athabasca River at Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada and 47 days later, landed at Tuktoyaktuk, on the Beaufort Sea, several hundred miles above the Arctic Circle.

He traveled on the Athabasca River to Lake Athabasca. Across the lake to the Slave River, up the Slave to the Great Slave Lake, then across the Great Slave Lake to the MacKenzie River, following it north to the Beaufort Sea.

The paddler chose this route not because of its technical difficulty, but more for its historical significance and distance challenge.

Miller decided to retrace the route of a Scottish fur trader, Alexander MacKenzie, who led an expedition of men north in 1789.

MacKenzie hoped to find a water route to the Pacific Ocean, 11 years prior to the famed Lewis and Clark expedition.

Finding the river taking them continually north, and not to the Pacific as he had hoped, MacKenzie thought himself a failure and therefore named the river, "River of Disappointment".

MacKenzie kept a journal of the expedition, which was later published. When he returned to Scotland years later, he was knighted Sir Alexander MacKenzie, and the River of Disappointment was renamed, MacKenzie, in honor of his name.

Miller spent over a year and a half preparing for this trip. He read many articles and researched over fifty topographical maps of the area to help chart his course. He spent many months dehydrating his food supply as he wanted to be completely self-sufficient for the long journey.

He traveled in a single man kevlar canoe that was custom built for him by Michigan's own legendary canoeist, Verlin Krueger. Miller knew he would need a lightweight canoe, one that was rugged enough to stand the test of a long trip, sturdy enough to hold all of his gear and supplies for the duration and light enough to carry if a portage was necessary. The kevlar canoe stood up to every challenge.

Through his research, Miller found and read a copy of MacKenzie's journal. He was surprised to encounter many of the same sights MacKenzie wrote about some two hundred years earlier.

One sight in particular, which can still be viewed today, was an area near Fort Norman, MacKenzie referred to as the smoking hills. The smoking hills are actually an exposed coal vein that has been burning for centuries.

The MacKenzie River is very wide, second only to the Mississippi in North America. Huge barges carry goods up and down the river to remote towns and villages, as there are no roads for transportation above the Arctic Circle. Miller had an opportunity to tour one of the barges that was carrying two modular homes to a remote area.

While on the MacKenzie, Miller stayed close to shore to avoid sudden storms, high winds, and large waves.

He paddled his canoe many long hours in adverse conditions. Smoke from nearby forest fires filled the air for several days. At one point the smoke was so thick that he lost sight of the shoreline and had to use his compass to track his course.

Miller also spent over seven hours portaging around the hazardous, "Rapids of the Drowned" on the Slave River, and was delayed several days on land from crossing the Great Slave Lake,



JUST A MAN AND HIS CANOE -- Norm Miller paddled 2000 miles through Canada and into the Arctic Circle.

while storms that resembled those of Lake Superior raged with high winds and ten foot waves. Swarms of biting flies and mosquitoes were also a constant nuisance on many parts of the rivers.

Although there were strenuous times, Miller said there were even more times of great enjoyment. With the MacKenzie Mountains off in the distance, and bald eagles soaring overhead, this just added to the beauty of the wilderness. Occasionally he would spot a black bear fishing for a meal, or a timber wolf making its way along the shore.

It was like stepping back in time when he reached Kittigazuit, an abandoned Eskimo village. According to Miller, in the previous town of Inuvik, he was told by a local villager about this abandoned town and an old cemetery

that might be of some interest.

Following the man's direction to the top of a hill outside of town, Miller found an eerie sight.

North of the Arctic Circle the ground is frozen year around, therefore graves are unable to be dug. Bodies were placed on top on the ground and covered with large logs. Over time the wind and harsh weather rotted the logs exposing the moss covered skeletal remains of many.

One day while on the river, Miller met the Noel family. They were kayaking from their hometown in Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories, to Tuktoyaktuk on the MacKenzie. He traveled and camped with the Noels for several days.

At the end of their trip, they invited Miller to fly with them to Yellowknife for a visit at their

home and a tour of their city. He gladly accepted their invitation.

It had been a long but exciting trip. Miller recalled the great feeling he had as he canoed out into the salt water of the Beaufort Sea.

He had reached the old whaling village of Tuktoyaktuk, finishing the long journey he had planned for so many months.

He said a good feeling of relief and accomplishment ran through him. Although thought of as the "River of Disappointment" by Alexander MacKenzie, Miller said he found it to be a magnificent journey on a spectacular river.

As he prepared to leave the area, he made arrangements for his canoe to be sent by barge to Hay River, and then by truck to Calgary, to be picked up later in September.

He then boarded a small plane with the Noel family, flew to Yellowknife for a short visit and then back home to Utah.

Miller's love for the outdoors started as a youth, while fishing the banks of the beautiful, AuSable River near his home in Grayling, and continued on a grander scale as he worked in Yellowstone National Park, and Park City Ski Resort.

Miller also enjoys, skiing, mountain climbing, hiking, photography as well as canoeing. He once spent an entire summer in Alaska helping with the clean-up of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

A 1985 graduate of Lake Superior State College, Miller currently lives in Salt Lake City, where he is the owner-operator of Miller Window Cleaning Company.

Varsity Girls Basketball defeats Blue Devils

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's Varsity Girls Basketball Team maintained a lead over the Gaylord Blue Devils for the entire game on Thursday, November 12, to earn a 62-45 victory.

The Vikings started out strong, amassing a 12 point first period lead. Gaylord had a noticeable height advantage, but the Grayling team was able to utilize its quickness, hustle and solid perimeter shooting to build a lead.

The Vikings hit four triples in the first period, and a total of seven in the game.

Carrie Cadeau started the three-point assault, giving Grayling an early 4-0 lead on a shot from downtown. Grayling's first point came on a free throw by sophomore Kristy Hulbert, who set up a scoring opportunity with a steal at mid-court.

Mary Dobry's first three-pointer of the game extended Grayling's lead to 7-0. She hit four triples throughout the course of the game.

The Blue Devils answered with a three, and Carrie Cadeau countered with her second three-point basket of the game, which put Grayling back up by seven, 10-3.

Cadeau then hit a shot inside on a long pass from Dobry. Mika

Sumner scored two points after setting a nice pick at the perimeter and rolling inside to get the pass from Dobry.

Dobry then hit another triple to give Grayling a 17-3 lead.

The Vikings led 19-7 after the first period.

Sumner started out the second quarter Viking scoring with a pair of free throws. Dobry then dumped in her third triple of the game to put the score at 24-9 in Grayling's favor.

Grayling's offense started to cool off and the Blue Devils abandoned the ineffective outside-shooting that plagued them in the first period in favor of high percentage shots inside. The Gaylord team used its size advantage to get shots inside and rebounds on misses for second and third scoring opportunities.

By halftime Gaylord had cut the Grayling lead from as many as 16 down to seven, 31-24.

The Blue Devils got a couple quick drives to the basket for scores in the beginning of the third quarter. Gaylord converted a pair of free throws to pull within three, 33-30.

Hulbert hit a pair from the charity stripe to put Grayling up five, 35-30.

Mika Sumner scored on a pass

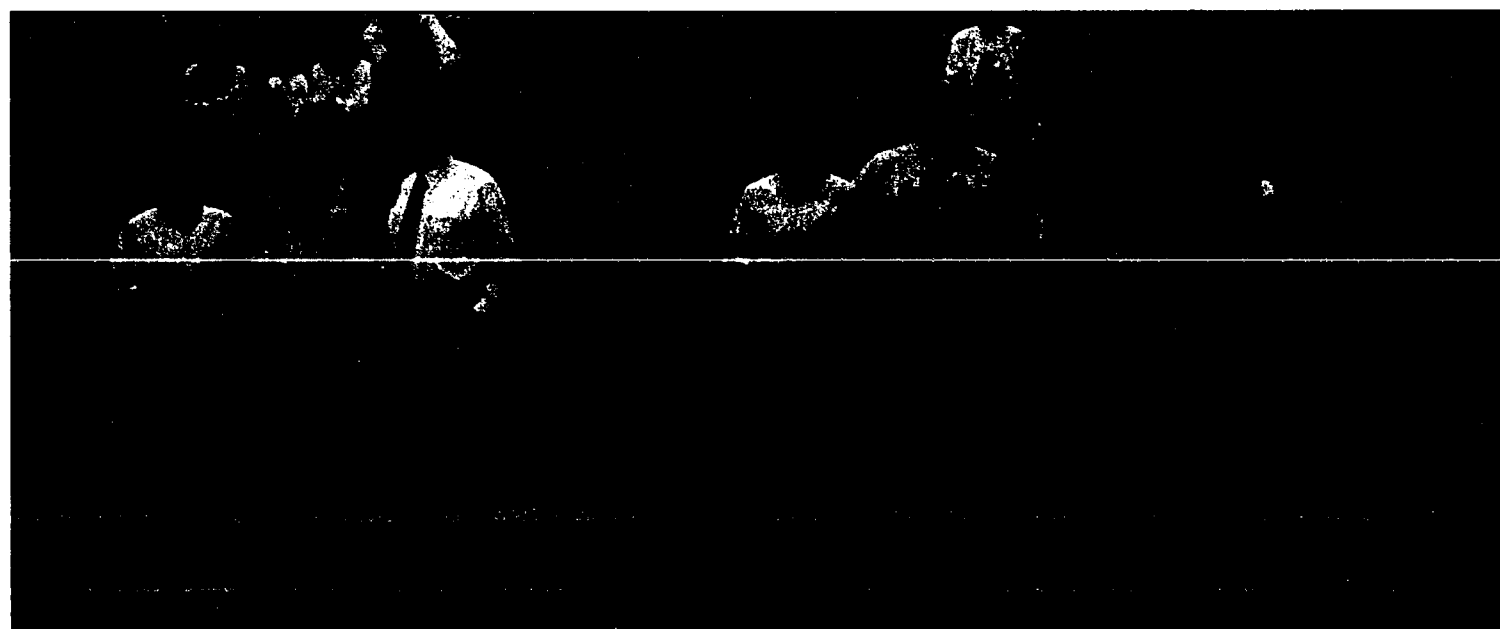


Photo by Caleb Casey

PARENTS NIGHT -- Thursday's game against Gaylord was preceded by Parents Night. The members of the GHS Freshmen, JV and Varsity girls basketball teams took center court with their parents, who each received a flower. (above) Three of the Varsity girls stand with their parents: (left to right) Melanie Paxton, Mika Sumner and Andrea Elmy.

from Melanie Paxton, who made a good play to keep the ball from going out of bounds.

Cadeau then hit her second three-pointer of the contest to give Grayling an eight point lead.

The Blue Devils continued to use their height advantage to get rebounds and go back up for high percentage inside shots, cutting

the Grayling lead to two going into the final quarter, 40-38.

Sumner started the fourth quarter scoring with a basket inside, putting Grayling back up by four.

After Gaylord put in a quick basket to come within two, Mandy Trudgeon scored two important buckets on drives to the hoop to put Grayling up 46-40.

The team's defense held up fairly well, and Grayling's inside game helped maintain the lead during a cold spell in perimeter shooting.

After several misses from outside the three-point line Dobry got back on track and nailed her fourth triple of the game, which put the Viking lead at 11, 56-45.

Cadeau connected on three free throws down the stretch, and Grayling's offense used up the last couple minutes with controlled passing.

Paxton hit a shot from under the basket at the buzzer to seal the score at 62-45.

The varsity girls start District Tournament play this week.

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JV Vikings beat Devils 50-20

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team beat the visiting Gaylord Blue Devils by 30 points on Thursday, November 12.

Gaylord struggled from the floor in the first quarter, scoring only five points. The Vikings created turnovers with steals and solid defensive pressure.

Grayling jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the first period on a three-pointer by Emily Fox. Fox hit a jumper as the period wound down to put Grayling ahead 13-5.

The Blue Devils made up some

ground in the second period as Grayling's shooting went cold. The team's only three points of the quarter came on a shot from three-point land by Arica Wolcott.

The Viking defense managed to keep a lead, frustrating the Gaylord offense with blocked shots and deflections.

The Blue Devils continued to have problems putting the ball in the basket, despite decent rebounding underneath, which led to multiple shot opportunities in the key. Three of Gaylord's seven points in the period came on free throws.

Grayling led by four at halftime,

16-12.

The Vikes started the third quarter with a 10-point scoring run, which included a three-pointer by Danielle Niederer.

After Gaylord hit its only basket of the period Fox connected on two more three-point buckets.

With the last seconds of the third quarter ticking away Lori Hinkle grabbed a rebound and went back up for two points, giving Grayling a 20 point lead going into the fourth, 34-14.

The Vikings continued to extend their lead in the final period.

Hinkle came up with a steal under

the basket, which she put in for a quick two points. Gina Thompson scored on a shot inside after a nice pass from Wolcott to put Grayling up 40-18.

Wolcott scored a three-point play after she was fouled on a jumper and nailed the free throw. She later scored a shot from downtown to give the Vikings a 46-10 lead.

Jayne Potter and Hinkle finished the Viking scoring with a pair of two-point buckets down low. The Vikings won 50-20.

Grayling ended up outscoring the Blue Devils 34-8 in the second half of the game.



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GMS 8th graders move to 11-0

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 8th Grade Girls Basketball "Green" Team continued its unbeaten streak with a pair of wins at the recent Houghton Lake Tournament.

"Six members of the team -- Emily Henion, Lori Ellis, Danielle Beckwith, Tracy Parkinson, Kim Mitchell and Andrea Dunckley -- have won 23 straight games over the last two years," said Coach Mertes. "Now Megan Cox, Kate Nickert, Andi Holzbauer, Jessica Green and Britni Baker have started their own winning streak with 11 games."

The Vikings dominated Kalkaska in their first game of the Houghton Lake Tournament, winning by a final score of 37-10.

Grayling then downed the Roscommon Bucks in a close game, 31-28.

"I believe several members of this team will be playing JV Basketball next year, and the others will make an outstanding 9th grade team," said Coach Mertes.

Mertes also said that the parents of the players have provided a great deal of "support and cooperation. It has been a fun year working with this team," he said.



Photo courtesy of Deb Ellis

GMS GREEN -- (front row, left to right) Andi Holzbauer, Emily Henion, Lori Ellis, Andrea Dunckley, Kim Mitchell. (back row, left to right) Jessica Green, Danielle Beckwith, Britni Baker, Tracy Parkinson, Kate Nickert. Not pictured: Megan Cox. The girls are coached by Harold Mertes.

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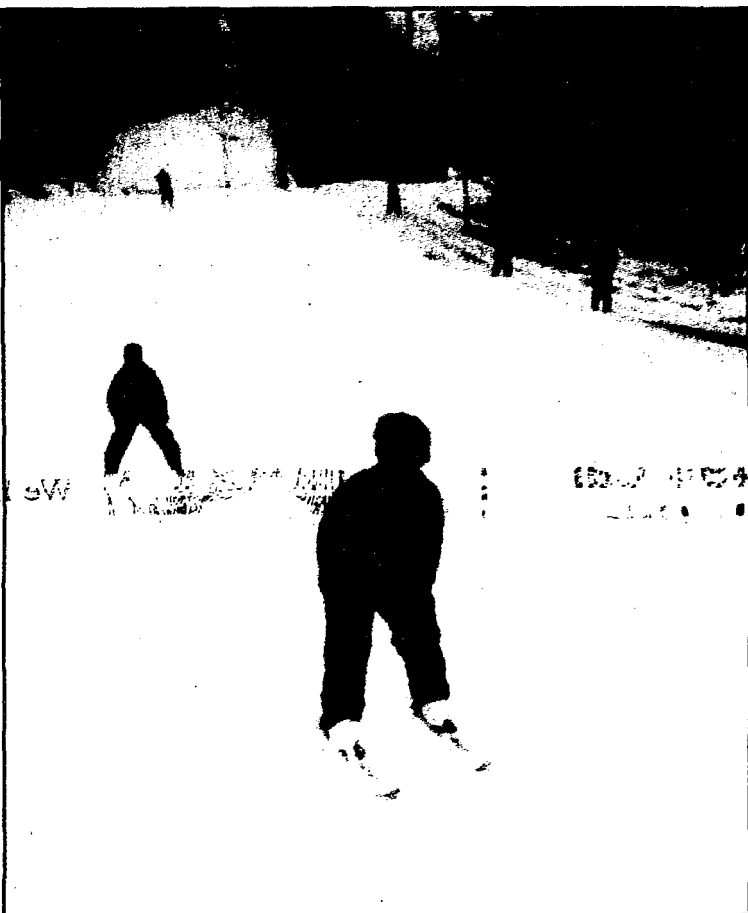
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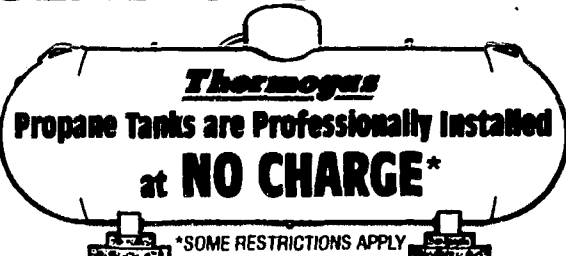
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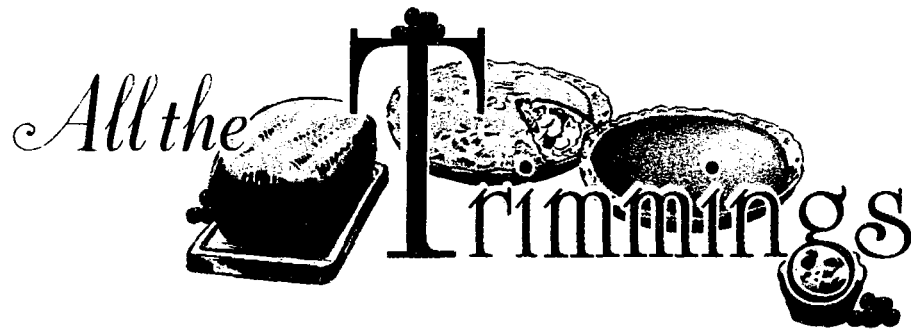
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GHS Football holds annual awards banquet

Grayling High School Football held its annual end-of-the-season awards banquet on Wednesday, November 11, at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Two of the varsity Vikings were named to the NEMC All-Conference Team: lineman Travis Pearl and receiver Nate Hinkle.

NEMC Honorable Mentions went to: linebacker Travis Beckett, defensive linebacker Travis Pearl, quarterback Nathan Beckwith, punter Brad Ritter, linebacker and running back Shane Colby, and defensive back Eli Tobin.

The following team honors were also announced:

MVP: Nate Beckwith; 110% Award: Pete Mead; Michael

Goodrich Award: Travis Beckett and Travis Pearl; Coach's Award: Eli Tobin and Travis Huber; Golden Helmet: Nate Beckwith and Nate Hinkle; 1000 Yards Passing: Nate Beckwith.

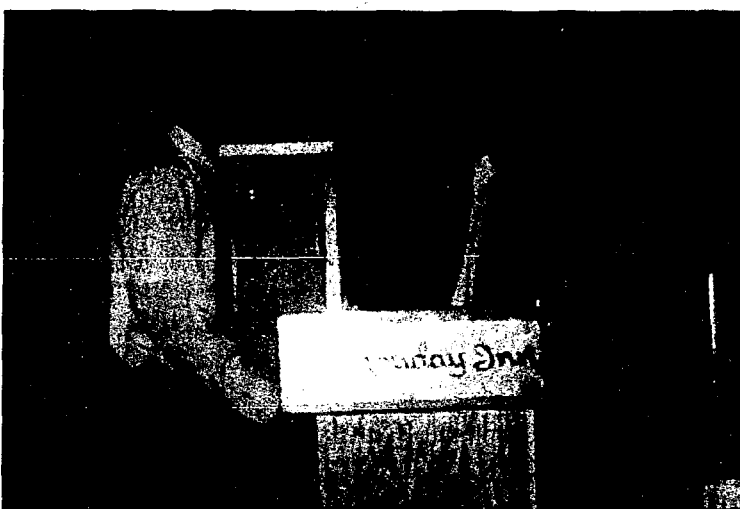
Viking Hitter Award: Travis Beckett and Shane Colby; Most Improved: Jeremy Latuszek and Brandon Gabriel; Captains Award: Nate Beckwith, Travis Beckett, Brad Ritter and Shane Colby.

Cheerleading awards were also given out for the JV and Varsity squads:

JV: Most Spirited -- Michelle Stepp; Coach's Award -- Rachael Evon. Varsity: Most Spirited -- Amanda Love; Coach's Award -- Jamie Anderson.

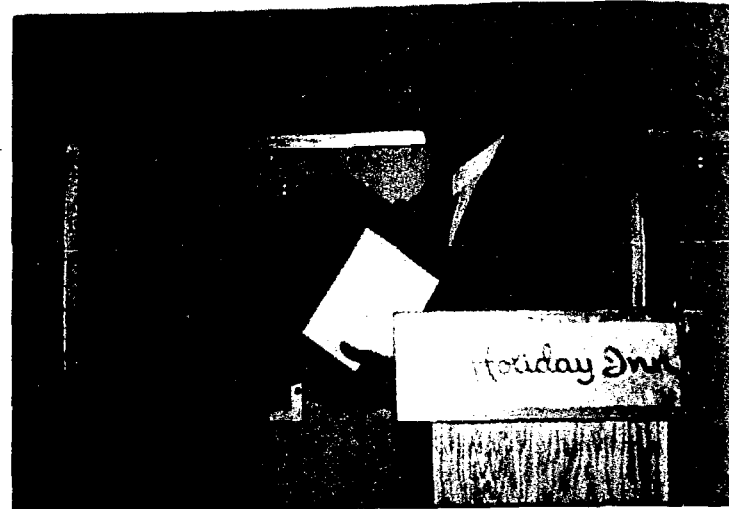


ALL-CONFERENCE LINEMAN -- Senior Travis Pearl (left) receives an award from Coach Patterson. Pearl was also named to the NEMC All-Conference Team as a lineman.



Photos by Linda Golnick

ALL NEMC -- Receiver Nate Hinkle (left) took home a Golden Helmet Award and made NEMC All-Conference.



1,000 YARD PASSER -- Senior quarterback Nate Beckwith (left) received numerous honors Wednesday night, including Team MVP, Golden Helmet and NEMC Honorable Mention.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Senior Citizens League

Cornell Realty 24 - 16
Buccilli's Pizza 21 - 19
Totten's Body Shop 21 - 19
Sylvester's Sports 20.5 - 19.5
Tees "N" Such "R" Us 20 - 20
Stevens Family Circle 19 - 21
Baynham Forest Products 17.5 - 22.5
Flowers By Josie 17 - 23
Women's Hi Three: R. Joyce, 434;
P. Harris, 418; A. Roman, 413.
Women's Hi Single: M. Tarr, 173;
R. Joyce, 170; J. Miller, 167.
Men's Hi Three: H. Ingram, 526; K. Harris, 504; G. Wolfe, 494.
Men's Hi Single: A. Smith, 224; H. Ingram, 204; G. Wolfe, 192.

Friday Mixed Double

Charlie's Country Corner 31.5 - 8.5
Hilltop Manor HCC 28 - 12
Moshier Auto Repair 19 - 21
R. Calkins & Sons 19 - 21
Aunt Betty's 18 - 22
Just Us 17 - 23
Fick & Sons 16 - 24
Sawmill 10.5 - 29.5
High Game Men: D. Lozon, 201; R. Moshier, 192; J. Campbell, 191.
High Series Men: R. Moshier, 536; L. Helsel, 523; J. Campbell, 493.

High Game Women: K. Moshier, 202; S. Phillips, 184; E. Lozon, 178.
High Series Women: K. Moshier, 505; S. Phillips, 485; S. Sumner, 478.

Pioneer League

Millikin's 26 - 10
Chemical Bank 25 - 11
Aunt Betty's 23 - 13
Avalanche 21 - 15
Custom Interior 16 - 20
Ginger's 13 - 23
Lady Slippers 11 - 25
Mercy Hospital 9 - 27
High Game: T. Parker, 214; Y. Schreiber, 200; J. Hatfield, 186.
High Series: T. Parker, 509; J. Coors, 499; J. Yoder, 486.

Recreation League

Fun - N - Sun Rental 26 - 14
Gray Rock Cafe 23 - 17
Mickey Perez CPA 20 - 20
Glen's Market 20 - 20
Mark 8 20 - 20
Scheer Motors 19 - 21
Peterson Saw Service 19 - 21
Cornell 13 - 27
High Game: V. Balmes, 220; K. Schneider, 196; S. Noeske, 189.
High Series: K. Schneider, 531; V.

Balmes, 528; A. Mastej, 524.

Northwood

Rochette's 30 - 10
Rich's Cycle Service 25.5 - 14.5
Millikin's 21 - 19
Darrell's Roofing 20 - 20
R. Calkins & Sons 18.5 - 21.5
Shady Acres Party Store 17 - 23
Milltown Chiropractic 15 - 25
R & M Masonry 13 - 27
High Game: L. Holtcamp, 201; L. Dannenberg, 193; J. Tanski, 189.
High Series: L. Dannenberg, 511; L. Holtcamp, 498; J. Tanski, 493.

American Men's

Joel's Team 36 - 20
McLean's Ace 31 - 25
Forrest Bros. 31 - 25
Gaylord Ford 31 - 25
Moore's Auto 28 - 28
Fenton's Auto 23 - 33
Upper Lakes 22 - 34
Stitches by Sue 22 - 34
High Game: P. Nunn, 235; T. Kotrash, 226; P. Faustman, 225.
High Series: Larry Davis, Jr., 610; P. Faustman, 592; T. Kotrash, 588.

Triangle

C.S.I. Ind. Sys. 23 - 9
Barber Const. 20 - 12
Sumner 15.5 - 16.5
Moshier Auto 14.5 - 17.5
Airway Auto 13 - 19
Johnson 7 - 25
High Game: D. Barrett, 208; T.

Everly, 203; T. Coors, 201.

High Series: T. Everly, 574; J. Robideau, 534; M. Sumner, 529.

Sunday Night Mixed

Waste Management 27 - 13
Us & Them 23 - 17
Custom Interiors 22 - 18
R & M Masonry 21 - 19
McDonald's 21 - 19
Wakeley's Auto Parts 19 - 21
Citgo 14 - 26
McDonald's of Gaylord 13 - 27
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 218; R. Adkinson, 212; R. Hinds, 196.
Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 555; R. Hinds, 544; R. Pyle, 529.
Women's High Game: S. Sumner, 206; S. France, 201; S. Romain, 200.
Women's High Series: L. Dannenberg, 556; S. Romain, 550; S. France, 533.

National First

Faustman's Insurance 43 - 27
Grayling Ford 40 - 30
Forest Brothers 39 - 31
Hellebuyck Masonry 36 - 34
Swamp II 31 - 32
Northern White Tail 30 - 40
Gun's & Grub's 27 - 43
Century 21 27 - 38
High Game: P. Faustman, 243; B. Palmer, 235; T. Herblet, 233.
High Series: P. Faustman, 673; A. Angove, 649; T. Devins, 588.

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GRA looking for 98-99 pom squad members

Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) recently announced that they will be holding try-outs for their 1998-99 Pom Squad. Try-outs will be held at Grayling High School on Sunday, November 22 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and at the AuSable Primary School

on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteer coaches Teresa Furst and Cheryl Millikin said they are excited and look forward to another great year. Trish Benkert and Penny Shepard also assist the squad.

The squad's first performance is planned for Friday, December 18, during half time of the GHS Vikings Varsity Boys basketball game. For further information, please call Cheryl Millikin at 348-7214.



Photo courtesy of Cheryl Millikin

LAST YEAR'S POM SQUAD -- Members of the 1997-98 Pom Squad were: (front row, left to right) Ashley Wakeley, Darci Trudgeon, Jamie Anderson, Colby Davis, Amanda Fortino, Danielle McClanahan; (middle row, left to right) Megan Walker, Sara Bassett, Sara Autem, Jessie Becks, Melissa Ostwald, Jessika Abfalter; (back row, left to right) Monica Kustra, Christi Duncley, Jean Zelek, Brie Blaauw, Tina Brietruck, Emily Wakeley.

YOUTH BOWLING

Transport		High Scratch Series: Male - R.		B. Stevens, 59; Female - S.	
T-birds	20 - 8	Strohpaal, 486; Female - K.	Davis, 486.	Wilkerson, 48.	
Ramblers	18 - 10	Most Pins Over Average Male - G.	Cousins, 61; Female - K. Davis, 59	Most Pins Over Series: Male - J.	Armstrong, 30; Female - S.
Mustangs	15 - 13	Most Pins Over Series Male - T.	Lamotte; Female - K. Davis, 96.	Wilkerson, 2.	
Corvettes	15 - 13				
Road Masters	14 - 14				
Chevelles	13 - 15				
Mercury Cruisers	10 - 18				
Camaro's	7 - 21				
High Scratch Game Male - R.					
Strohpaal, 214; Female - K.					
Davis, 189.					

POOL LEAGUE

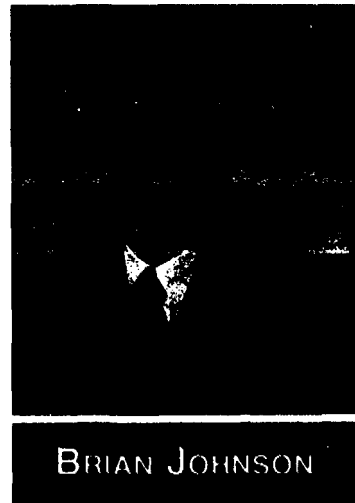
Men's Standings	
Tadpoles	78 - 30
Legion	61 - 47
Frederic Inn	60 - 48
Frogies	53 - 55
Red Barn	52 - 56
Red Barn II	47 - 61
Riverside	45 - 63
Breakers	36 - 72
8 Ball on Break: Jeff of Frogies	
8 Ball run: Jeff of Frogies, Kelly and Howard of Tadpoles.	
7 Ball Run: Scott and Weasel of Frederic Inn.	

Women's Standings	
Plaza	61
Sawmill II	60
Spikes	59
Legion	52
Sawmill I	47
Frederic Inn	45
5 Ball Run: Dee K., Beth P., Tonya A., Audrey W.	
7 Ball Run: Margo Richardson, Michelle P.	
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'A Christmas Carol' coming to Interlochen

Perennial touring favorite "A Christmas Carol" always puts audiences in the holiday spirit and is a tradition of the Interlochen Arts Festival.

Tickets/Information: call the Interlochen Box Office at 616-276-6230. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

A Christmas Carol will be performed by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan at 7 p.m. on two nights, Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 3rd, in the Corson Auditorium.

This production, performed at Interlochen for nearly 20 years, has proved to be a popular tradition.

Charles Dickens wrote the oft-told tale about the stingy, hateful Ebenezer Scrooge and his fateful visit by three ghosts more than 150 years ago. The quaint shops, gaslit streets, carolers create a Victorian Christmas card come to life.

There are still good seats available for this show. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under.

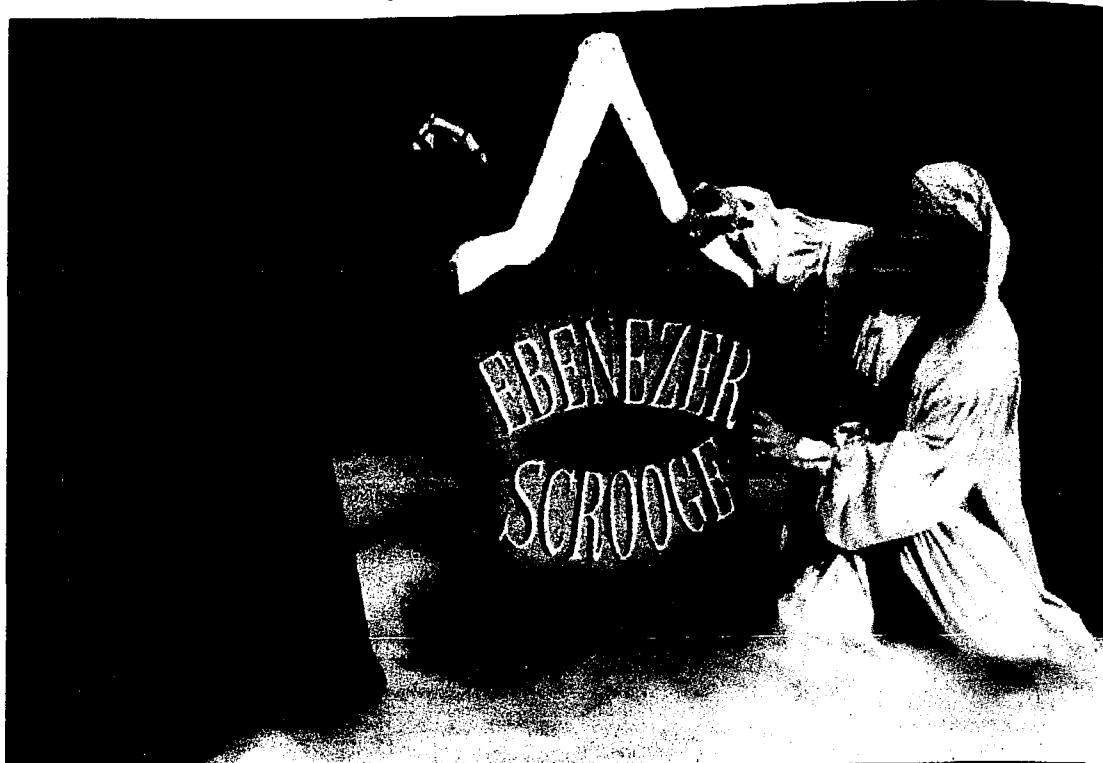
The Interlochen Arts Academy Jazz and Percussion Ensembles

will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 5th in the Michael P. Dendinos Chapel. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students 18 and under.

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Kirtland to host poet for final Controlled Burn reading

Kirtland Community College's *Controlled Burn* Reading Series is proud to announce the final event of its Fall 1998 series with a performance by Michigan poet Mary Ann Samyn on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Center on College Drive.

The event will be preceded by a question-and-answer with the author at 4:00 in Room 5 of the Academic Building. Both events are free and open to the public; a reception and book-signing will be held after the reading.

Samyn's first collection of poetry, *Rooms by the Sea*, established her reputation as a poet of vision and craft when it earned the Wick Prize in Poetry from Kent State University Press in 1994. It deals with the themes of childhood, of growing up in a world that's both tender and heartbreakingly frightening.

These are poems that attempt to express the difficulties in comprehending a world complicated by illness, confusion, and silence. Later work explores the themes of childhood as well as what it means to be a woman, a daughter, a lover and an individual and how difficult it can be managing those roles.

Her work has also appeared in many of the nation's finest literary journals, including *The Kenyon Review*, *Midwest Review* and *Denver Quarterly* among numer-

ous others.

"Mary Ann's poems are cherry bombs—they seem innocuous at first glance, small, quiet, unassuming, but there's an explosion inside—a resonance that haunts the reader afterward. I think she's one of the most challenging and formally innovative writers in America today. From how her poems look on the page to what they say to how they say it, her poetry walks that tight-rope between the personal and the private, between confusion and over-clarification, between

pain and pity, and they always walk toward redemption. I'm grateful for and excited by Mary Ann Samyn's work," said series coordinator Gerry LaFemina.

Samyn currently is a special lecturer of English at Oakland University.

All these events are free and open to the public, and all buildings are handicap accessible according to ADA regulations.

For more information, contact LaFemina at 517-275-5121 extension 376.

KCC announces winter acts

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts announced that the 1998-99 Winter Performing Arts Series will begin in mid-December.



The series begins with *Holiday Swing* on December 12 at 8 p.m.

World-class entertainers on the Saturday series include: *Shields & Yarnell* on January 23, *The Chenille Sisters* on February 13, *Traverse Symphony Orchestra* on March 6, *Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company* on April 17, and *The Coasters, Drifters & Platters* on May 15.

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will also host a special show on March 14, 1999 at 3 p.m. (Note: show time is earlier than usual.) *The Peking Acrobats* will leave the audience spellbound with their family show of gymnasts, acrobats, cyclists and jugglers.

Performance times are at 8 p.m. for all series performances from December through May, except for the March 14 performance.

Series subscriptions represent a savings over single ticket prices.

Series subscribers are also enrolled in the Patron Plus program, receiving discounts on theatre tickets, and at restaurants, golf courses and businesses around the college.

Series subscriptions and single tickets are on sale at the Kirtland Ticket Office. Group discounts are available and buses are welcome at Kirtland.

For ticket information, additional series information, or if you would like to make a reservation, please contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777, fax orders to (517) 275-8210 or e-mail orders to sikarskc@kirtland.cc.mi.us.

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For The Week Of November 29-December 5

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Your tendency to drive more than the posted speed limit could get you into hot water this week. Slow down. Take your time getting from Point A to Point B. Be patient with a new coworker who is having problems becoming acclimated to the new environment.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Don't rely on others too much this week. Instead, do things yourself so they get done, and get done correctly. Your partner has some very definite ideas on home improvement projects you're starting. Speak your mind... your ideas could be better in the long run.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

If you need to borrow money, don't ask your friends. A family member would be a better source that won't strain your relationship. If you've been neglecting a long-distance relationship, now is the time to renew it. Maybe just a phone call will do the trick.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Don't let money problems drive you to arguing with someone you really care about. You shouldn't let money ruin a good relationship, and don't use it as an excuse to end a bad one. Someone at work is playing word games. Watch your back!

LEO

July 23-August 23

This is a great time for training to help in your career. Be open to any suggestions in that area from your supervisor. Check out a local college's course selection. Do not skip a meeting. It could turn out to be important to completing a long-overdue project.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

A wide range of community organizations could use your help now. Pick one or two and donate some time and talents to them. Your money is starting to stretch out. Look for pointers from an unlikely source that could help you close a deal.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

If you're looking for a new place to live, don't get too frustrated. This is not a good time of year to be involved in this task. Whatever you do, don't settle on a place out of desperation. Watch out! Someone may not be all they seem to be.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Stay within your allotted budget when it comes to socializing, even if it does make you feel like you're out of your league. By mid-week, there could be a few changes at work, and that could end up meaning extra tasks for you.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Be prepared to skip lunch and not take any breaks this week. You're facing a tight deadline on a project, so expect to work extra to get it done. If something goes wrong, don't be too eager to place the blame. Correct the problem with a minimum of fuss.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

It's time for a thorough cleaning at home. You might even find something you thought was lost and long gone. A social event could bring a new friend. Try not to be too inquisitive about his/her past. Otherwise, you could encounter an embarrassing situation.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Take time to go out to lunch with a group of coworkers or friends this week. It will be a well-deserved break. Try not to put your partner in a difficult position this week. You don't want to end up alienating him/her because of someone you thought was a friend.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Watch your step at work this week and do not get embroiled in an argument. You don't always have to be right. Think about the implications of what you are saying before you say it. This is probably not the best week to do any heavy-duty thinking.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

DOUBLE DARE CHILI

2 cans (15.5 oz.) Chili Hot Beans, undrained
2 lbs. chuck of round steak, ground coarsely
1 onion, diced
2 T cooking oil
4 cloves garlic
1 T diced jalapeño pepper
2 cans (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes
1.25 oz. chili seasoning
1 T cumin
salt & pepper to taste

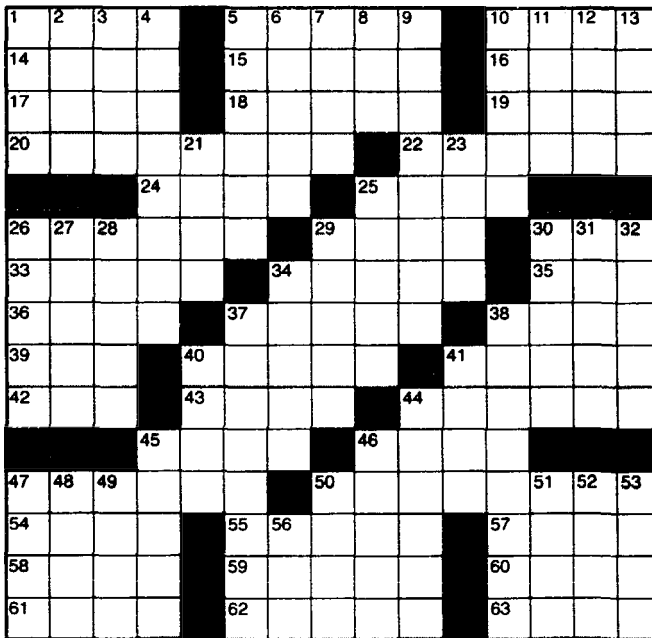
1. In chili pot or skillet, heat oil and add meat, garlic onion. Saute' until brown, drain excess fat. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
2. Add chili beans and diced tomatoes. Heat through.*
3. Add chili seasoning, cumin, and jalapeño peppers. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 30-45 minutes.

* For a thinner chili, add 1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce.



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1. Rustic retreats
5. Extremists' diets
10. Casino owner Griffin
14. Swindle
15. Home of Creighton University
16. Lakes Indian
17. Wine region
18. Did a cowboy's job
19. Reno cubes
20. Refuges
22. Ades and ales, e.g.
24. Forfeit
25. Certain market
26. Purpose
29. Show glee
30. Miguel
33. Like an incinerator
34. Clean-cut singer in white bucks
35. Land of the free: abbr.
36. Many
37. Cohere
38. Hat edge
39. Smart whip
40. Poor student's quest
41. Material for Presley's shoes
42. He provided voices for Bugs and Daffy
43. Victim of Carl Weiss, Jr.
44. Ready for feathering
45. Bran

DOWN

46. Deposited
47. Flouts
50. Used up
54. Collar type
55. A Mystery
57. Lisboa
58. All-male party
59. More contemporary
60. Gent's oath
61. Cabbagelike plant
62. DNA carriers
63. McLean and Knotts
28. Plenary
29. Auctioneer's warning
30. More certain
31. Out of the way
32. Called
34. Unfilled
37. Delancey
38. Laden
40. Mucilage
41. Cruise
44. Narrows
45. Door part
46. River embankment
47. Office furnishing
48. Rock Hall of Famer James
49. Yearling's younger
50. Crossword direction
51. Benin's neighbor
52. Picone
53. Little League coaches, often
56. Confederate general

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO November 6, 1975

A wishing well built with contributions to the Leonard H. Knibbs memorial fund has been completed near the Crawford Co. Historical Museum in the Grayling City Park. The memorial fund was created in 1974.

Mrs. Hertha Laupmanis took over her new duties as Innkeeper at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

Melvin G. Nunn, Grayling Elementary School principal was honored at the 50th Annual Conference of the Michigan Association of Elementary School Principals in Grand Rapids. He was chosen as Principal of the Year from Region 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fick, four children and their exchange student spent the weekend in Flint, and on Saturday evening attended a game at the Pontiac Stadium.

David L. Schwalm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa J. Stewart of Grayling, has secured a position with Michigan Technological University at Houghton as Administrator and Physician Assistant for the university's Health Center.

Clarence, Russell, Perry and Eugene Papendick and Bob and Artie Annis returned home last Friday from a three-week hunting trip to Colorado. The party bagged one mule deer and two elk.

A daughter, Heather Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shannon of Grayling on October 28, weighing 7 lb. 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gilman of Grayling are proud parents of daughter, Levon Kay, born October 30, weighing 5 lb. 9 oz.

A son, Loren Guy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lugviel of Grayling, October 31, weighing 7 lb. 11 oz.

Mrs. Cindy Paquette of Mt.

Clemens spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood.

Chief Pete Stephan visited Mrs. Brown's and Mrs. Yotich's second graders to explain the duties of a policeman.

With a sold-out audience in attendance, the 18th Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner took place on October 30 at Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel and provided a stimulating evening of fellowship and education.

46 YEARS AGO November 6, 1952

Rita Barber was home from Bay City over the weekend. She is in college there.

From the amount of buildings upset in town Friday night, we judge the youngsters had a good time.

Airman First Class, Gerald A. McEvers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. McEvers of Grayling, was recently rotated to the Zone of Interior after completing a tour of duty with the 56th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Weather. Upon arriving in the states, McEvers will be assigned duty with the 5th Air Rescue Squadron at Westover Air Force Base, Mass.

Rex Hunter, son of Mrs. Matilda Hunter, and George Kessler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kessler, have enlisted in the army and left for Detroit Wednesday of last week where they took their physical examinations.

Kay Ann LaMotte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaMotte, entertained 16 of her friends at a Halloween party Wednesday evening of last week. The guests came costumed. Judy Sorenson was given a prize for the funniest costume and Claudette Long for the prettiest. Bob Strong and Bill Martin won the couple prize and

Bill a prize for the most outstanding costume.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood and son Ronald of Midland spent the weekend in Beaver Creek visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Falling.

69 YEARS AGO November 7, 1929

To say that Mr. and Mrs. David Montour were proud of their new arrival would just be putting it mild. It was a boy, born Tuesday at Mercy Hospital. With seven girls in the family, who wouldn't be happy over a new son.

Mrs. Thomas Washer of Pennellville, N.Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. M.A. Bates, her first visit here in 17 years.

Last Thursday, Virginia Scott had seven little girl friends as her guests at a six o'clock chicken dinner. Games were enjoyed by all, prizes being won by Gloria McNeven and Patricia Montour.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus are leaving this morning to spend a week in Detroit and expect to attend the Michigan vs. Harvard game in Ann Arbor on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen (Fedora Tetu) are receiving congratulations on the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl, at the Mercy Hospital. The little girl weighed 6 lb. while her brother weighed 5 lb 6 oz. They have not yet been named.

Mrs. George Barber entertained a few friends Tuesday evening honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. Erwin Haskins, the occasion being her birthday.

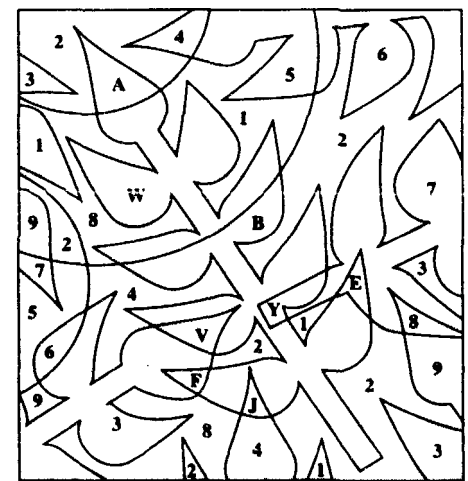
92 YEARS AGO November 8, 1906

P. Borchers is enjoying a weeks outing on Portage Lake.

C. W. Amidon, D. defeated George F. Owen, R, for sheriff by seven votes.



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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling





Date	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17
High	46	37	38	40	50	41	33
Low	35	31	17	22	30	29	32
Rain	.23	.02			.11	.09	.59

Date	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23
Sunrise	7:41a	7:42a	7:43a	7:45a	7:46a
Sunset	5:06p	5:06p	5:05p	5:04p	5:04p

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday evening through Friday will be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers; lows in the mid 20s; highs upper 50 to low 30s. Saturday will be cool; low of 20-30; high of 30, chance of snow showers, no acculation.

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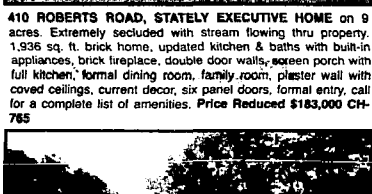
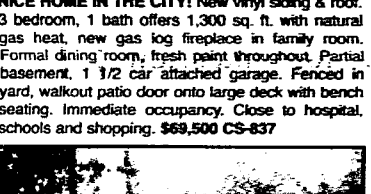
ADJACENT 1000'S OF ACRES OF FEDERAL LAND Stepping stone cottage, 2 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1144 sq. ft. Basement 18x18. New roof, new hot water heater, blow-in insulation, condition & satellite dish. Three acres. Bright red & white pines with mixed hardwoods. Adjoins 1000's of acres of federal land. \$34,500 CS-823





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3373 JONES LAKE ROAD, 1,164 SQ. FT., 2 bedroom, 2 baths, snow roof, fireplace, appliances, vinyl siding, 10'x10' deck, 28'x40' garage insulated, heated, dog kennel. Storage building. \$49,500 CH-836



Above the Crowd!

410 ROBERTS ROAD, STAFF EXECUTIVE HOME on 9 acres. Extremely secluded with stream flowing thru property. 1,936 sq. ft. brick home, updated kitchen & baths with built-in appliances, brick fireplace, double door walk-in, screen porch with full kitchen, formal dining room, family room, plaster wall with covered ceilings, current decor, six panel doors, formal entry, call for a complete list of amenities. Price Reduced \$183,000 CH-765

NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement. 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. \$69,500 CS-837




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LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 300' AWAY! Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home offering 2,012 sq. ft. with walkout basement. 2 car attached garage & detached boat house/garage. Split rail fence, brick fireplace, fruit cellar and a secluded setting. \$99,500 CS-779

NEW CONSTRUCTION - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Quality craftsmanship - custom ranch - all built up on a choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar, walkout onto a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water baseboard heat, covered front porch and driveway with apron. \$86,900 Reduced to \$88,900 CH-659




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3 BEDROOM, basement and garage. All on shady lot with fenced in backyard. Updated electrical, furnace, insulation, siding, sewerline and sidewalk. 1 1/2 car garage plus a workshop. Land contract terms to qualified buyer. Home is rented. Shown by appointment only. \$38,900 CH-749

GREAT LOCATION CLOSE TO TOWN. Newly remodeled 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths has 1,146 sq. ft., sunroom, open dining, living room combination. Natural gas forced air heat, crawl space. New carpet, fresh paint and paper throughout. Adjoins state land. Immediate occupancy. \$69,900 CS-845




VERY WELL MAINTAINED mobile home with 2 nice additions. 3 bedrooms, sunroom and large foyer. Dining room offers bay window & built in hutch. Bath offers double vanity. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and electric dryer. 24x26 detached garage with remote door opener, has front & rear entrance for snowmobiles also a 21x12 basement. Adjoining state land. Great Recreational Getaway! \$49,000 CS-787

301 BRINK STREET. This 972 sq. ft. home sits on two and one half lots in the heart of the city. It offers two bedrooms, one bath, a 9x14 utility room, a 12.5x16 dining room, and a 16x18 living room perfect for a small family. \$27,000 CH-793





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I. Real Estate

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land. \$14,000-\$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. (11/20/97tf/1)

NEW AUABLE COUNTRY ACRES Fall special on building sites. \$9,500, \$500 down, \$136.58 a month, 10% land contract. Large wooded building sites, river access, and state land. Developer (517) 348-7355. (7/16/98tf/1)

AUSABLE PROPERTY MAIN-STREAM Acreage. Homes. Good access. Hal, Broker (anytime), (517) 348-5965. (LR12/30/98/1)

LOT ON MANISTEE RIVER Rd. \$8,800 (517) 348-4981. (-12-19/1)

AUSABLE RIVERFRONT Beautiful building lot on middle branch off Conners Flat Road near MacMasters Bridge. Call Kim at (740) 797-2801 for directions. (LR11/19/98/1)

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MANISTEE RIVER LOG SIDED home, 180' frontage, four plus acres of gorgeous pines and hardwoods, snowmobilers dream. 24 x 56 heated attached garage. Close to state land, easy access to trails. Private and secluded, yet only one mile to M-72, eight miles east of Grayling. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, six person hot tub. Prime recreational area. Call Dave Felker, Century 21 Lakeside, 101 Ames St. Toll free (877) 264-5440. (-12-19-25-3/1)

CABIN FOR RENT on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97tf/2)


MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040, rent is based on income for two person household. A barrier free unit is also available. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by Rural Development (021502010) (3/19/98tf/2)

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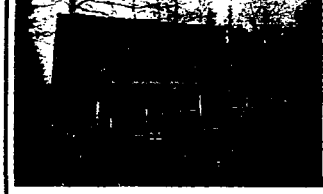
GREAT LOCATION close to AuSable River main stream & South Branch, state land, Wakeley Lake and snowmobile trail. 3 bedroom home with fireplace and 2 1/2 car garage, 18 wooded acres with lots of deer & turkeys. \$79,900 (DL-1177)




LARGE FOUR BEDROOM city home has possible 2nd floor apartment. Hardwood floors, 30x24 & 18x20 garages, half basement, energy efficient, 1,954 sq. ft. Some appliances included. \$69,900 (JW-826)




THREE YEAR OLD WELL BUILT home in the city. Oak kitchen cabinets, attached garage with a cement drive & apron, full finished basement, 4+ bedrooms, 2 full baths. \$89,000 (DM-1194)




72+ ACRES, including large spring-fed pond that feeds Manistee Lake, with 1,400 sq. ft. log cabin will make a great retreat. Too many custom features to list including 24x32 heated pole barn. \$225,000 (KJLJ-1118)



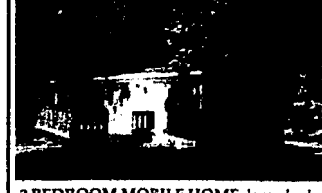
FAMILY HOME on 8.27 acres secluded yet close to town. 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, custom oak kitchen with separate dining room. Partial basement, beautiful lawn with sprinkler system. 24x28 garage. Lots of wildlife. \$155,000 (LM-1145)



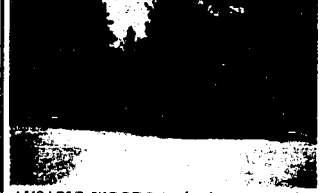
FOUR WELL MAINTAINED SINGLE FAMILY RENTAL UNITS. All feature 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, natural gas heat and knotty pine interiors. Shared garage for storage on a corner lot located 1 block from Lake Margrethe. All units are rented. \$112,500 (KM-1011)




MODERN CABIN located just over 200' from the AuSable River "Holy Waters" with private access. 1 bedroom, bath, enclosed porch and a storage building. \$42,900 (DL-1192)




2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME, large bedrooms, stove, refrigerator, good condition, immediate occupancy, nice tree cover, county maintained roads and Rosecommon School District. \$29,900 (MC-1158)



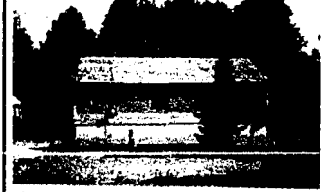
AUSABLE WOODS is the location of this new manufactured home. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & includes stove & refrigerator. Heavily wooded lot 200x215 with close access to State Land & the river. \$64,200 (LM-1107)



FARM HOME ASSUMABLE, 4 bedroom modular, 1 block from Lake Margrethe with lake access. \$64,500 (TV-1154)



NEWLY REMODELED home on a lot 112 x 130. Has 2 bedrooms, new carpet, windows, doors, and vinyl siding. Freshly painted and includes washer & dryer. \$46,900 (DL-1190)



FULL LOG HOME with 210' frontage on AuSable Canal. Block crawl with insulated and lighted cement floor. 24x24 pole barn and 10x10 shed. Beautiful cedar trees cover front yard. Double lot. Kitchen has oak Merillat cabinets. All appliances included. Beautiful view. \$112,000 (JW-MW-1136)

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For Rent

NEW APARTMENTS Two bedroom, bath, living room, kitchen, washer, dryer and dishwasher. \$550 a month plus deposit. Come in and fill out an application at North Country Lodge. North 1-75 Business Lodge. (517) 348-8471. (29-5-12-19/2)

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COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT available Nov. 1st. High visibility, off street parking suitable for office or retail. Leave message at (517) 348-7868. (10/15/98tf/2)

FOR RENT Small two bedroom, one bath, house. 1/2 block to Lake Margrethe. Appliances furnished, natural gas heat, porch, yard. No pets. Non-smokers, one month security deposit and references required. \$395 a month plus utilities, phone (517) 348-2610. (10/22/98tf/2)

FOR RENT Manistee Riverfront home. Two bedroom, garage, partial basement. Secluded with excellent views. \$475 monthly, security deposit, call Craig Hinkle for application. (517) 348-7440. (10/22/98tf/2)

2/For Rent

BRAND NEW three bedroom, two baths homes. 1,040 square feet, natural gas heat and energy efficient units, cable TV located on public maintained roads at Grayling Mobile Estates. Available for immediate occupancy. \$550 per month, call Ron at (517) 348-6761 for appointment. (10/29/98tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOME on AuSable River. \$575 month, plus security deposit. Call Jayson (517) 348-6481, ext. 21. (-19-25/2)

FOR RENT Small efficiency unit, furnished for single working person, includes utilities and cable. \$290 per month, \$150 deposit, call (517) 348-5433. (11/5/98tf/2)

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM two bath home with washer and dryer, with two car garage, seven miles from town. Cable TV available, \$500 month, security deposit required, references required, no pets. (517) 348-8386 (-19-25/2)

CLEAN ONE BEDROOM duplex close to town. \$335 month, utilities included, security deposit required, references required, no pets. (517) 348-8386 (-19-25/2)

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2. For Rent

NEWER TWO BEDROOM HOME close to town, with attached garage, shed, washer-dryer, dishwasher, stove, fridge, natural gas heat, sprinkler system and lawn maintenance, plowing. \$550/month. First and last to move in. Applications taken now for December occupancy. (517) 348-6938 (-5-12-19-25/2)

FOR RENT IN FREDERIC Three bedroom, family room, two car garage on a lake. New stove, refrigerator, furnace, carpet, linoleum. Remodeled, no pets. \$525 a month plus \$500 deposit, lease, call (517) 348-9084. (-12-19/2)

FOR RENT Clean and cozy two bedroom in Beaver Creek Township. \$450 a month, first and last month, credit check. (517) 732-2353 week-days, (517) 939-8965 evenings and weekends. (-19-25/2)

VERY NICE MOBILE HOME for rent. Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, Old 27 North. (11/19/98tf/2)

THREE BEDROOM HOUSE in city of Grayling. Range, refrigerator included, washer and dryer, cable TV connections. Large lot, utilities not included. No pets, \$550 and \$550 security deposit. 404 Date St., Grayling. (517) 348-4716. (-19/2)

2. For Rent

SMALL ONE OR TWO bedroom house with enclosed porch. Natural gas heat, appliances furnished. \$375 per month, plus utilities. \$400 security deposit, lease. (517) 348-4443 (-19-25/2)

3. Employment

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLERS needed for vinyl, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile. Minimum five years experience, must have own van, tools, workmens comp. Call 517-732-7728 or 517-732-2691. (10/9/97tf/3)

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3. Employment

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ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

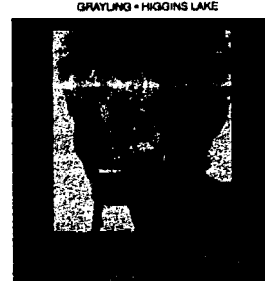
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3. Employment

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE to assist two individuals in their own home with daily living. Eight hour shifts 4 p.m.-12 p.m. and 12 a.m.-8 a.m. Full and part-time needed. Benefits, training provided. Call Northern Management at 517-732-6374. (11/12/98tf/3)

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Part-time Care Taking position needed for AuSable River Property with lodge and several out buildings. Job requires a self motivated individual with good repair skills, yard maintenance and flexible availability. \$10 per hour, hours vary with season. Call Fri. - Sun. for interview, 348-7164.

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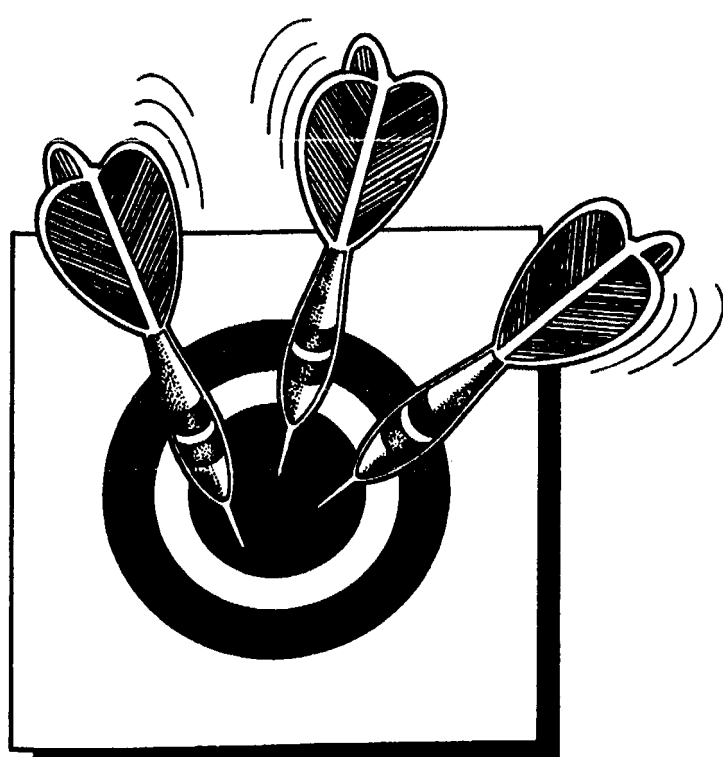
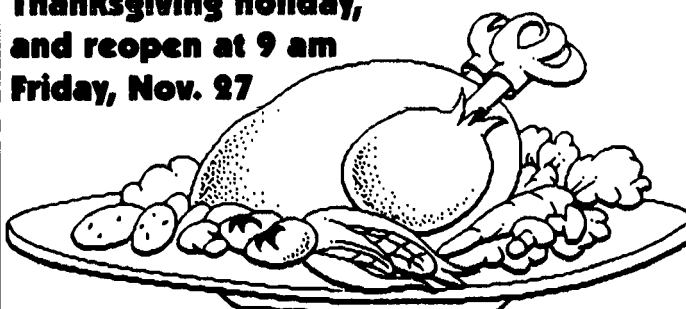
Early Deadline

Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 24 so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for all display ads is 5 pm Thursday, Nov. 19, to be considered for the Nov. 25th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 20. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 23.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and reopen at 9 am Friday, Nov. 27



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INVENTORY AUDITORS WANTED Come count with us! If you are looking for a part-time job, we are looking for you. Above average wages, dependent upon performance. Please call STI Inventory Service at 1-800-8609-1788. Retirees welcome!! EOE (-19-25/3)

3. Employment

HELP WANTED Young at heart? We want you! Full and part-time. Temporary and permanent. Apply in person at Cartwright and Danewell, M-72 West. Tuesdays and Thursdays only, please. (-19-25-3-10/3)

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DRIVERS Suttles Trucking, a nationwide tank carrier, is hiring drivers at its Grayling, MI terminal. Minimum requirements are two years over the road experience, 200,000 miles or three years local driving experience, verifiable. Suttles offers excellent pay, the very best of equipment and benefits that include 401K, medical, dental, optical and short term disability, benefits are at no cost to employees. Suttles also offers paid training to experienced drivers with no prior tank experience. If you would like to become an important member of "America's Best", apply at 2074 Industrial Drive, Grayling, MI or call 1-800-284-4373, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (-12-19/3)

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3. Employment

RIVER HOUSE SHELTER & Domestic Crisis Services has an immediate opening for an Evening Advocate, 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Monday - Friday and Night/Weekend On-Call Advocate, as needed. Requires answering telephone, including crisis line, assists residential clients with emotional and physical needs, completes documentation, does intakes, sort donations and other duties assigned by supervisor. Must be able to work with families in crisis. Salary \$6/hour. Qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent, good judgment and empathy skills, good communication skills. Six months experience in a shelter or similar setting desired but not required. Apply in person or call for application: Human Resources Dept., Mercy Hospital, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, telephone 517-348-0340. Achieving Work force Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employment. (-19-25/3)

ANIMAL HOSPITAL SEEKING animal handler. Responsible for hospitalized patients, maintaining appearance and cleanliness of the hospital. Also assists in surgery, treatments and X-Rays. Requires compassionate and nurturing person. Please respond to P.O. Box 749, Roscommon, MI 48653. (-19/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Position Date: November 17, 1998 Position: AuSable Primary Half Time Receptionist/Secretary. Description: Half time receptionist/secretarial position responsible to the primary school principal. Work Year: 206 days per year plus holidays and vacation, 4 hours per day, beginning as soon as possible. Qualifications: Available at 403 Michigan Avenue. Salary: According to contract. Apply To: Paul B. Lerg, Assistant Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: November 30, 1998, 4 p.m. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity affirmative action statement. (-19-25/3)

3. Employment

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 26th day of October, 1998
Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

II. Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Brown, Palmer.

Members absent: none

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Carl Glick and Douglas Squires from Alto Steel, Dennis Palmer, Skylynn Palmer, Joe Jarvis, Caleb Casey, Dennis Long.

III. 98-80

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Golnick that the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Public Hearing - Alto Steel Act 198

Petition.
Mayor Stevens opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. The City Manager explained to Council the property in question, how Act 198 is designed and introduced Carl Glick and Douglas Squires present from Alto Steel to answer questions. There were no comments or concerns from the audience or written statements. Mayor Stevens closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

98-81

Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy to approve Act 198 for Alto Steel for 12 years as requested. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0 motion carried.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. Housing Commission Minutes of 9-15-98.

b. September 1998 Balance Sheet.

c. October 1998 City Investment Report.

VI. Old Business. None

VII. New Business.

a. Rezoning Request from Joe Jarvis regarding his property on Huron Street to be rezoned from O-S to R-2 to allow use as apartments. Mr. Morford requested that a Public Hearing be set for the rezoning and that a larger area be studied as part of this request.

98-82

Moved by Golnick, supported by Palmer to set a Public Hearing for rezoning of several O-S properties on Huron Street to R-2 in order to recognize current use patterns. Said Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 1998 at the Regular City Council Meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

IX. Reports of City Manager.

a. Kirtland Community College letter requesting comments on evaluation scheduled for February of 1999.

b. Ms. Palmer will attend a council matters training session of M.M.L. November 13-14, at Tretoops in Gaylord.

c. Ralph Stevens and the City Manager to attend a meeting in Mt. Pleasant this Thursday regarding D.D.A.S., T.I.F.S. and other city financing options for various projects.

d. The City Audit should be back next month. The Auditors will report to Council at a future meeting.

e. Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30th.

X. Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Brown inquired if the new sweeping machine would be used for picking up leaves. Mr. Morford replied that the use of this sweeper would not be cost effective for

leaves and it plugs the hose easily. We now have a composting program as part of our contracted waste program and it seems to work well.

b. Ms. Brown asked about using the sewer cleaning machine to pick up leaves. Mr. Morford noted that it would be more expensive to use than the current program.

c. Ms. Palmer asked if we could have leaf pick-up through November if possible. Mr. Morford stated that City Environmental has always been co-operative in the past with late fall pick-up.

XI. Adjournment.

98-83

Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5,

Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
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CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 1998

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hartman at 9:07 a.m. in the County Building on October 27, 1998.

Roll Call: Hartman, Smock, Black, Bretzke, Corlew and Long - present.

Absent: None

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds - present.

There were also other visitors present.

--Approved the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 13, 1998 as presented.

--Moved to table approving Board Minutes of October 13, 1998 until the next regular Board Meeting of November 10, 1998.

--Approved the report and payment of the following vouchers: General Fund Balance at \$83,605.26. Environmental Control Fund at \$242.17; Commissioners Per Diem: Black - \$158.00 Per Diem and \$65.49 Mileage; Bretzke - \$138.00 Per Diem and \$86.73 Mileage; Corlew - \$148.00 Per Diem, no Mileage; Hartman - \$138.00 Per Diem and \$47.20 Mileage; Long - \$170.00 Per Diem, no Mileage; Smock - \$138.00 Per Diem, no Mileage.

--Accepted correspondence as submitted.

--Adopt the 1998-1999 Overall Economic Development Program. Commissioners requested a review of the project within Crawford County.

--Moved to enter into a closed session at 11:09 a.m. to discuss pending litigation/strategy with Counsel.

--Moved to return back to regular session at 11:35 a.m.

--Moved to remove from the table the adoption of the Overall Economic Development Plan.

--Moved to adopt the 1998 -1999 Overall Economic Development with the following additions: Animal Shelter Relocation - \$350,000.00, Health Department Relocation - \$250,000.00, Library Project Relocation - \$300,000.00, Snowmobile Trails - Unknown, Unknown, Hiking & Biking Trails - Unknown, Commissioner Black and Pat Merrill E.M.O. will be attending the NEMCOG meeting to advise them of the changes.

--Approved to reappoint Ron Joyce to the Library Board for the term expiring October 31, 2003.

--Approved to appoint John Smock to the Family Independence Board for the term expiring October 31, 2000.

--Adopted the 1998 Mileage Apportionment report as presented by Equalization Director, Alfred Borchers.

--Moved to send a letter of support to Representative Gagliardi, House Majority Floor Leader for House Bills 5983, 5984, and 5985 be brought to the floor for a vote.

--Adopted the Employment Agreement for County Controller position. Commissioner Corlew requested the compensation be the same as elected officials.

--Moved to offer a letter of support to the D.N.R. for the purchase of 190 acres for a Mall Development.

--Moved to table the motion for two weeks to review documentation. Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C., is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL J. WEAVER and RHONDA K. WEAVER, HUSBAND AND WIFE of WMC MORTGAGE CORP., Mortgagee, dated February 23, 1998, and recorded on March 4, 1998, in Liber 448, on page 403, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy eight thousand sixty nine and 63/100 Dollars (\$78,069.63), including interest at 10.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on December 2, 1998.

Said premises are situated in GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

File Number FA-55863

PARCEL "C": Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 12, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes East along the South line 1315.1 feet, thence North 01 degree 43 minutes East along the West 1/8 line, 783.13 feet to Point of Beginning; thence North 73 degrees 16 minutes West, 346.78 feet, thence North 01 degree 43 minutes 30 seconds East, 569.51 feet, thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes East, 483.04 feet, thence South 02 degrees 01 minute West, 149.91 feet, thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes East, 339.62 feet, thence South 02 degrees 01 minute West, 35 feet, thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 339.62 feet, thence South 02 degrees 01 minute West, 264.52 feet, thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes East, 140 feet, thence South 02 degrees 01 minute West, 301.53 feet, thence North 73 degrees 16 minutes West, 293.95 feet to Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 90 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 26, 1998

WMC MORTGAGE CORP.

Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

-29-5-12-19-26

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 98-4668-CH

NITA C. ALSPACH,

Plaintiff

v

The heirs, assigns, and devisee of WARD D. CARLSON, JR., the heirs, assigns, and devisee of NANCY B. CARLSON, and the heirs,

assigns, and devisee of MARY GERTRUDE CARLSON, Defendants.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.

By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)

Attorney for Plaintiff

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop,

P.O. Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5232

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: The heirs, assigns, and devisee of WARD D. CARLSON, JR., the heirs, assigns, and devisee of NANCY B. CARLSON, and the heirs, assigns, and devisee of MARY GERTRUDE CARLSON:

1. An action has been filed against you regarding claims of fee title ownership to property located within the County of Crawford, legally described as:

The NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 27, containing 37.15 acres more or less, T28N, R2W.

2. Any heir, assign, or devisee of Ward D. Carlson, Jr., any heir, assign, or devisee of

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1978 FORD SUPER CAB stake truck. Runs good, \$400 firm. (517) 348-4329. (10/15/98tf/11)

1989 TAURUS Some rust, well taken care of, \$1,500. Call (517) 348-2950. (-5-12-19-25/11)

AWESOME VAN 1989 Ford Econoline Conversion. Loaded, new tires, 107,000 miles, \$2,600. (517) 275-0039, super condition. (-12-19/11)

1987 PONTIAC BONN for sale. Excellent mechanical condition, some body rust. 135,000 miles, \$1,500. Phone (517) 348-8997. (-19/11)

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1996 CAVALIER LS Four door, auto, A/C, cassette, red, \$9,000. (517) 348-5348 (-12-19/11)

FOR SALE '85 GMC Vanguard Series Van, 118,000 miles, runs great, new tires. Call 344-2027 leave message after beep. (-19-25/11)

Automotive

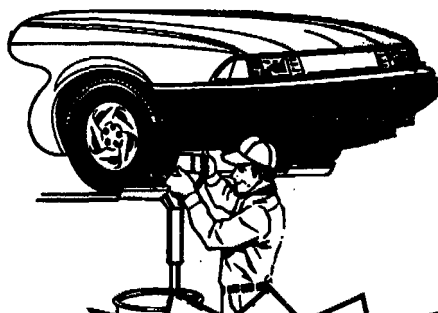
1990 FORD ESCORT PONY New tires, stereo, 35 mpg, good shape. \$1,000. (517) 826-8192. (-19/11)

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1998 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE 4 DR. - All the toys including rear spoiler and power seat. **\$19,988**

1998 BUICK REGAL SEDAN LS - 3800 V-6, leather seats and extremely sharp. Hurry this car won't last long at **\$19,988**

1998 CHEVROLET LUMINA LS 4 DR. - Fully loaded and include factory balance of warranty. **\$15,388**

1998 DODGE STRATUS 4 DR. - Program car, fresh arrival on 10,000 miles. **\$14,588**

1998 DODGE STRATUS - Program car, sharp and very well maintained. **\$13,988**

1998 PLYMOUTH BREEZE 4 DR. - Automatic, air conditioned, power locks and windows, save thousands over new. **\$13,988**

(2) 1998 DODGE NEON 4 DR. HIGHLINES - Automatic, air cond. and low miles, hurry on these, the nicest one and lowest miles will go first. **\$10,988**

1997 BUICK PARK AVENUE - Top of the line luxury at a fraction of the cost. One owner trade in. **\$21,988**

1997 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX 4 DR. GT - Lipstick red, sharp and ready to roll, fully loaded. **REDUCED \$17,988**

1997 BUICK LE SABRE SEDAN - Economical and powerful, 3800 V-6, fully loaded! Wouldn't you really rather have a Buick! **\$17,988**

1997 PONTIAC GRAND AM 4DR. - Sporty looks, inexpensive to own, save thousands over new. **\$13,988**

1997 PONTIAC SUNFIRE CONVERTIBLE - Extremely sharp, low miles, and one owner, save over \$8,000 off new. **\$15,588**

1996 DODGE STRATUS ES 4 DR. - Loaded including power sunroof, candy apple red, clean and sharp. **\$12,988**



1996 CHEVROLET CAVALIER Z24 - Immaculate one owner trade, new tires, power sunroof, and much more... **\$9,988**

1996 CHEVROLET CORSAIC 4 DR. - Excellent condition and economical ownership. Payments under \$200. **\$11,988**

1995 CHEVROLET LUMINA SEDAN 4 DR. - LS decor, one owner trade-in. All factory options! **\$11,988**

1995 PONTIAC SUNFIRE 4 DR. - Clean, one owner, low miles and priced to sell. **\$9,588**

1995 FORD TAURUS SEDAN - Emerald green paint, economical V-6 power, and low miles. **\$9,388**

1994 BUICK ROADMASTER ESTATE WAGON - 29,000 miles, leather, woodgrain and every available option! Hurry these are hard to find! **\$15,988**

1994 OLDSMOBILE 88 LSS TOURING SEDAN - Leather seats, new rubber, and much more. Immaculate one owner trade in. **\$12,988**

1994 GEO PRIZM LSI - Auto., air conditioned, alloy wheels and low miles. **\$7,988**

1994 BUICK CENTURY 4 DR. - Sharp, one owner trade-in, all for only **\$8,988**

1994 FORD TEMPO 4 DR. - A few miles, but, many more left on this one. **\$5,988**

1994 CHEVROLET CAVALIER 2 DR. - Low miles, clean and very affordable. **\$4,988**

1993 BUICK LE SABRE 4 DR. SEDAN - Powerful, yet fuel efficient 3800 V-6, loaded and clean in and out. **\$8,988**

1993 CHRYSLER LE BARON CONVERTIBLE - Only 50,000 miles, sharp one owner trade in. **\$6,988**

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(2) 1998 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDOs - Both fully loaded, both with miles in the mid 20's. Save \$8,000 off new! **\$23,988**

(6) 1998 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SEs 4 DR. - Loaded and low miles from **\$18,988**

1998 CHEVROLET VENTURE - LS package, sharp one owner trade-in, save over \$5,000 off new. **\$17,988**

1998 CHEVROLET C1500 - Regular cab, long box, 2 wheel drive, factory warranty left, 350 Vortec, auto. and a/c. **\$17,988**

1997 DODGE RAM 1500 SPORT 4X4 PICKUP - 360 Magnum SLT package, fully loaded and only 22,000 miles. **\$20,900**

1997 CHEVROLET C1500 PICKUP - air conditioned, tilt, cruise, victory red and sharp. **\$17,988**

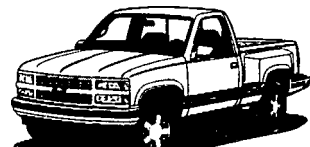
1996 DODGE RAM 2500 4X4 - Powerful V-10, SLT package, loaded, one owner. **\$21,988**

1996 CHEVROLET S-10 BLAZER 4 DR. - Powerful vortec V-6 engine, sharp one owner trade. Hurry winter's just around the corner! **\$17,588**

1995 CHEVROLET K1500 4X4 PICKUP - Regular cab, long box, fiberglass topover and loaded, one owner trade-in. **\$13,988**

1995 CHEVROLET ASTRO LT - Extremely clean, one owner, very well maintained! **\$9,988**

1994 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4 - Fully loaded including leather, only 54,000 miles. **\$21,988**



1994 CHEVROLET K-1500 EXTENDED CAB 4X4 - 350 V-8 auto. trans., silverado and much more, only 62,000 miles. **\$17,988**

1994 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT SE - Sharp, one owner trade in, powerful, 3800 V-6, loaded and extremely clean. **\$10,988**

1993 FORD EXPLORER 4 DR. 4 WHEEL DRIVE - A few miles but many more left. **\$9,988**

1993 GEO TRACKER CONVERTIBLE LSI - Perfect condition & loaded with auto. trans. & air cond. **\$8,988**

1992 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE - Ice cold air, tilt, cruise, 8 passenger seating. Hurry at this price! **\$5,988**

1992 FORD RANGER XLT PK2 - Clean truck with only 59,000 miles. If you're looking for a second vehicle THIS IS IT! **\$5,988**

1992 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER - The ultimate kid hauler, hurry, these don't last long. **\$5,288**

1990 JEEP WRANGLER - Automatic trans., removable hard top, a real sharp and clean unit. **\$5,988**

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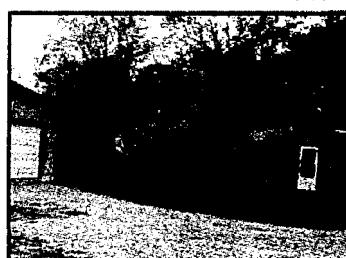
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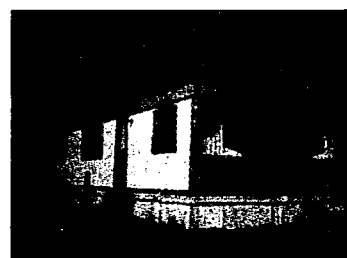
Would make a good rental or starter home. This home is conveniently located close to schools and the hospital. Features an updated roof, hot water heater, and handicap ramp. Occupancy at closing. #4199 \$25,000 Ask for Sherry Hanson!



Prime Commercial Location! This restaurant offers 3,990 + 1,976 sq. ft. with seating capacity of 160 people. Located on the I-75 Business Loop. #4202 \$305,000 includes restaurant operation or \$250,000 building only—no equipment.



Your focal point upon entering into the living room will be the attractive stone fireplace w/brass framed doors. Large windows across the front of the home lends a splendid view of the AuSable River. Lower level features wet bar, sauna, 3/4 bath and doorways leading out to the deck overlooking the river. #4242 \$249,900 Ask for John Kuszak!



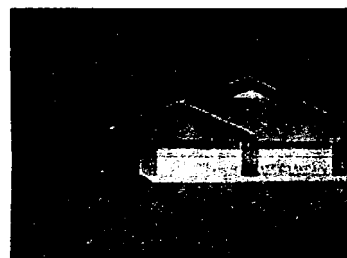
What a view! This mobile located near Blue Lake, state land, snowmobile and RV trails has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well, septic and is priced to sell. #4217 \$29,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



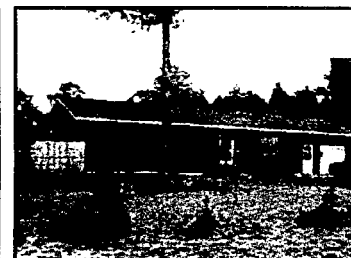
Nice large, 3 bedroom home. Situated on 1.3 acre parcel, very close to Lake Margrethe. This home would make a great year round residence or recreational retreat. #4347 \$67,900 Ask for Bob Pollack.



This cute A-frame makes for a great hideaway, hunting camp or vacation getaway sitting on 2 lots with all the amenities that Warblers Hideaway has to offer and close to State Land, the AuSable River and Big Creek. #4294 \$39,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



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This fine home is located on an exceptionally large lot with a total privacy fence. Newly decorated with new floor covering. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and dishwasher. The home is extremely energy efficient with a 2 year old natural gas furnace and very economical utility bills. #4306 \$63,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse



Renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bath- room home has a private dressing room, library, hardwood floors, full basement, 24x36 barn and an attached garage! Harrison area. #4165 \$79,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



Nice Starter Home, or rental investment. Home features two bedrooms, one bathroom, Michigan basement and comes with stove and refrigerator. Newer siding, windows, well and septic. #4176 \$34,500 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



211 Berry Patch Circle. A 1996 Modular Ranch situated on 1.33 acres. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a whirlpool tub in the master bath, 3 skylights, vinyl siding and windows and much, much more. #4367 \$64,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!



A "One of a Kind" property. Offering 2.26 nicely wooded acreage, with 171' on Starvation Lake. Secluded & private. Cottage offers a unique atmosphere, well maintained and including a gorgeous view from an east bluff of Starvation Lake. Extensive decking, stairs to lake and dock at lake's edge. A must see to appreciate! #4315 \$179,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Very clean, 3 bedroom mobile home has 1 and 1/2 baths, new carpet and plenty of extras like cable TV in three rooms plus antenna, 4 phone jacks, electric garage door opener, large private back yard with nice garden area and extra storage space in garage ceiling. Home is very energy efficient with extra insulation, the gas bill runs \$468.00 FOR THE YEAR! The YEARLY electric is \$396.00. #4330 \$41,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



Cute Cottage will make an excellent get-a-way. Located close to Snowmobile trails, Horse trails, Hiking trails, the AuSable River and Big Creek. Featuring laundry hook-up, a two car garage, shed and a 12x11 screened in porch. #4333 \$32,000 Ask for Connie Winans!

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